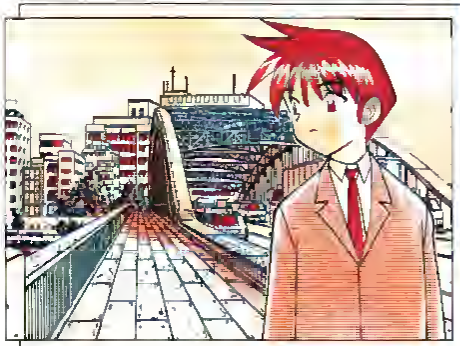

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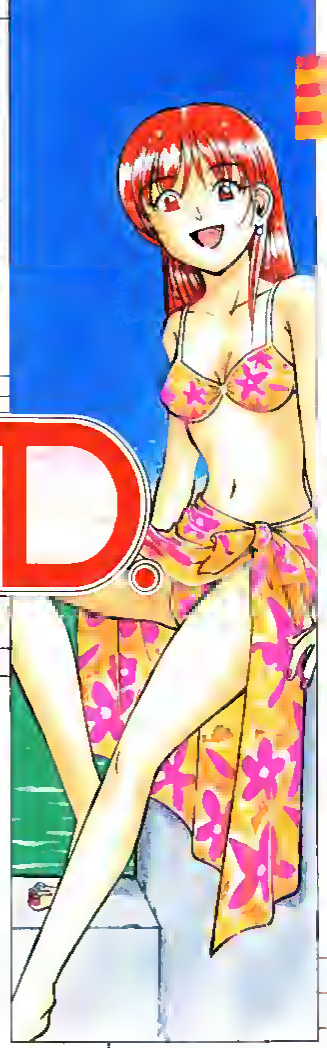

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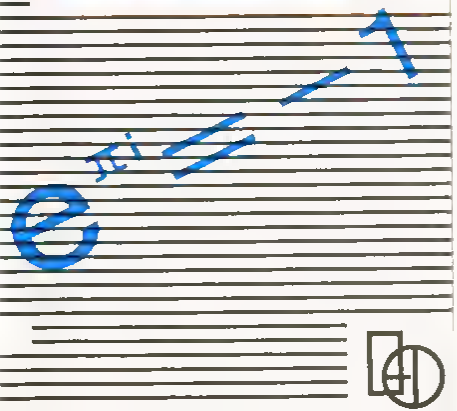

後先考えず行動する人は、必然的に日が達者になってきます。
それが水原可奈ちゃんです。
そして僕です。
それでは7巻目、彼女の活躍を楽しんで下さい。
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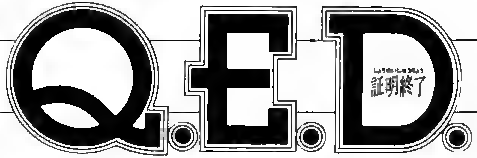
*and evidence.*

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燈馬のクラスメイト。刑事を父に持つ。男勝りの行動力と、脳天気なまでの明るさがウリの、健康優良女子高生。

マサチューセッツ工科大学を15歳にして卒業、日本の高校に再入学した超天才児。多方面に豊富な知識を有する反面、人間の感情には疎い。

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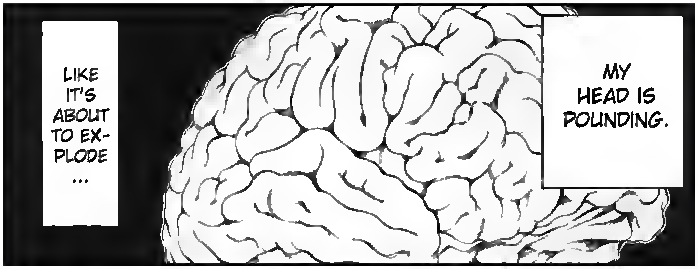
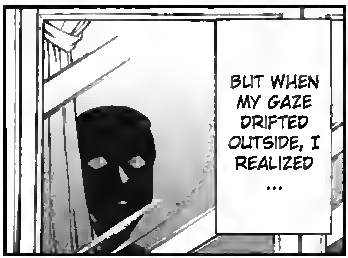
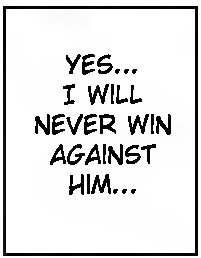

LIKE IT'S ABOUT TO EX-PLODE ...
MY HEAD IS POUNDING.

I'M SURE THAT BY READING THEM ALL, I CAN CHANGE!
HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF BOOKS IN THIS DARK LIBRARY...


BUT WHEN MY GAZE DRIFTED OUTSIDE, I REALIZED ...

THAT'S WHY... I WILL TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEM ALL TO THE EXTENT THAT SMOKE COMES OUT OF MY HEAD!
AND ONE DAY, I WILL BECOME SOMEONE GREAT!


YES... I WILL NEVER WIN AGAINST HIM...

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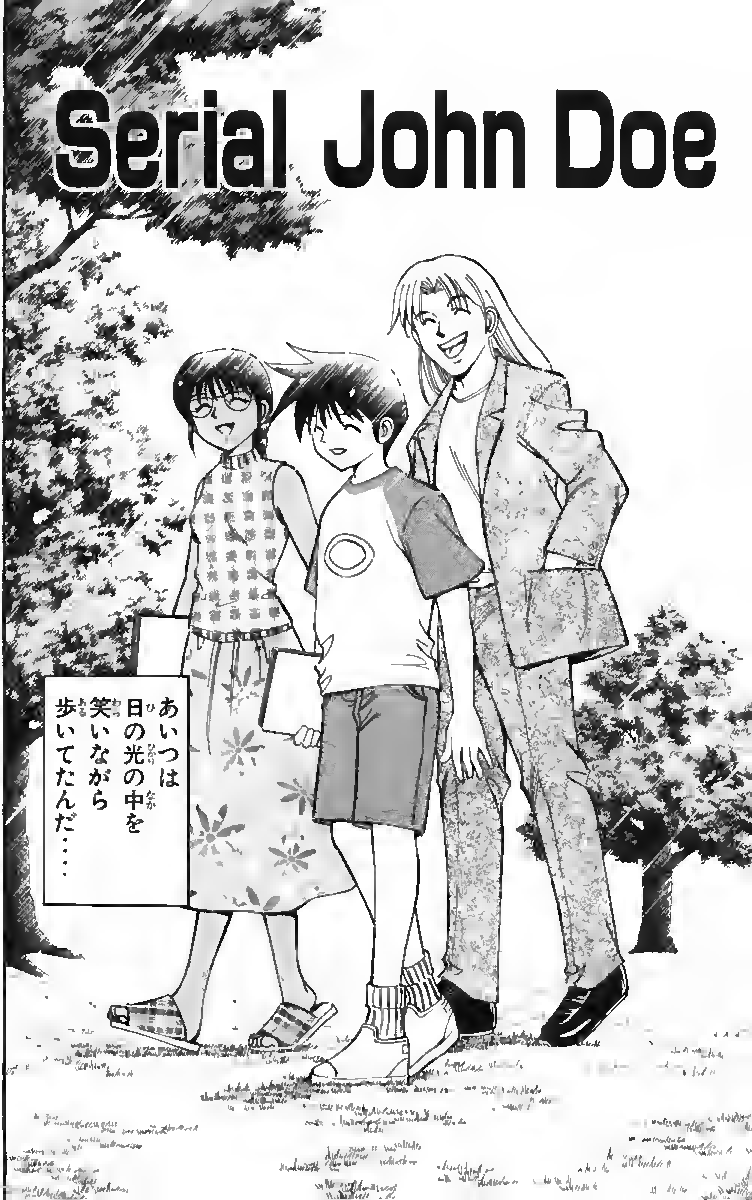


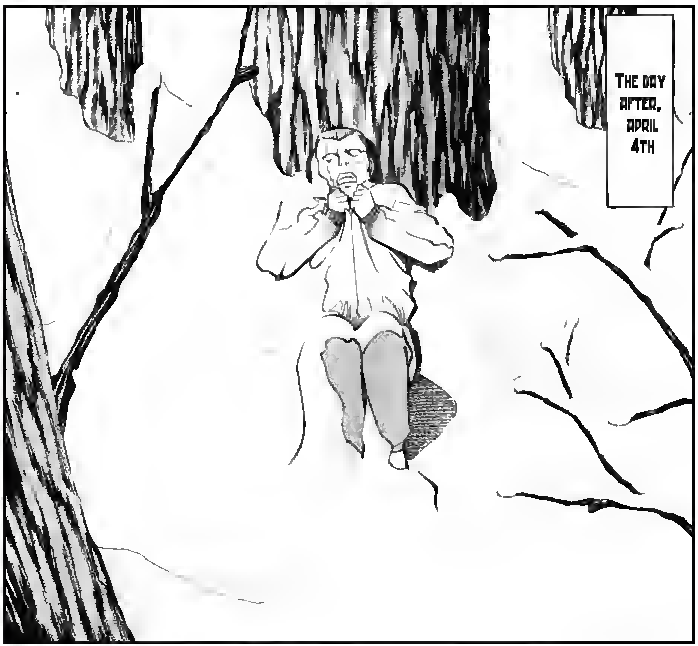
I KNOW HIS NAME...

Тирольъ
I'M NOT THE TYPE OF GUY WHO'D REJECT THAT.
IT WAS AN INVITATION FROM MY OLD MIT BUDDY WHO CAME ALL THIS WAY TO VISIT.
THAT'S BEYOND MY FIELD OF STUDY.
BUT I'M GONNA HAVE TO SAY NO TO THE OTHER INVITATION FOR THE QUANTUM MECHANICS LECTURE.
A. Kamenev, Professor of Genetics Technology.

LATELY, I'M HAVING TROUBLE SLEEPING, SO I'M ALWAYS SLEEPY DURING THE DAY.
IT FEELS STRANGE ...
HMM... EVEN YOU, WHO WAS THE ACE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY DURING YOUR MIT DAYS,
ARE FINDING SOMETHING DIFFICULT.
THAT'S OUT OF MY FIELD! MY WORK IS IN THE AREA OF GENETIC ANALYSIS AND THE DISCOVERY OF VECTOR' EFFECTIVENESS!
DOES A FISHERMAN HUNT BEARS?
FUUHHH!
GOOD STUFF!
BY THE WAY, MAY I ASK YOU SOME-THING?
ACTUALLY, I'M AFRAID THAT THIS MIGHT HURT YOUR FEELINGS..

IN THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT ...
WELL... UHM, YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE IN THE SAME YEAR AS ME IN MIT...
FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT, THE NAMES I OFTEN HEARD WERE TOUMA AND LOKI...
I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT YOUR NAME IS...
YOU TREATED ME TO A DRINK SO SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THIS IS KINDA...
BUT YOU REMEMBERED TOUMA AND LOKI.
I'M NOT GOOD AT REMEMBERING NAMES.
HA HA HA... I'M SORRY...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
HA HA HA... IF YOU GAVE ME A HINT, I THINK I COULD REMEMBER ...

IT'S A GIVEN THAT YOU WOULDN'T REMEMBER MY NAME.
BUT SOON, IT'LL BECOME A NAME THAT YOU WILL NEVER FORGET...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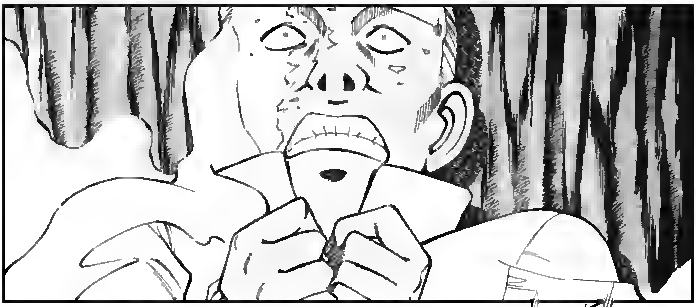

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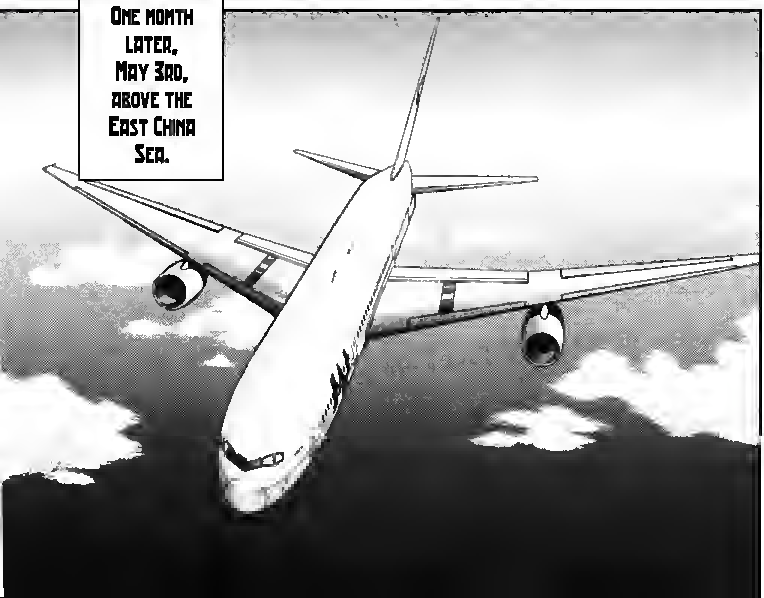
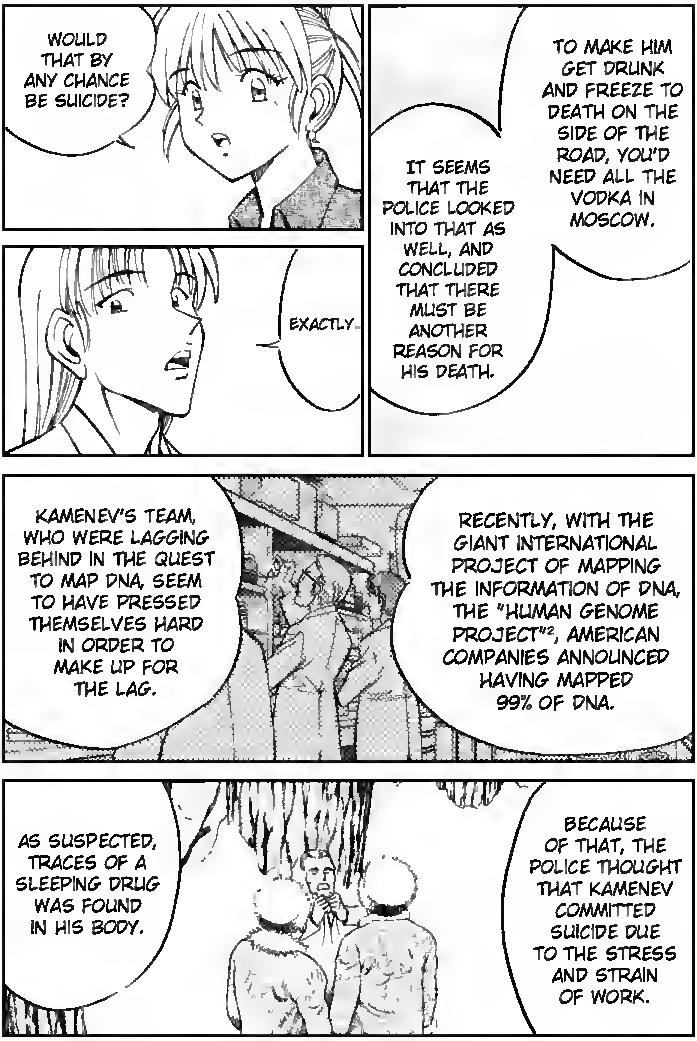
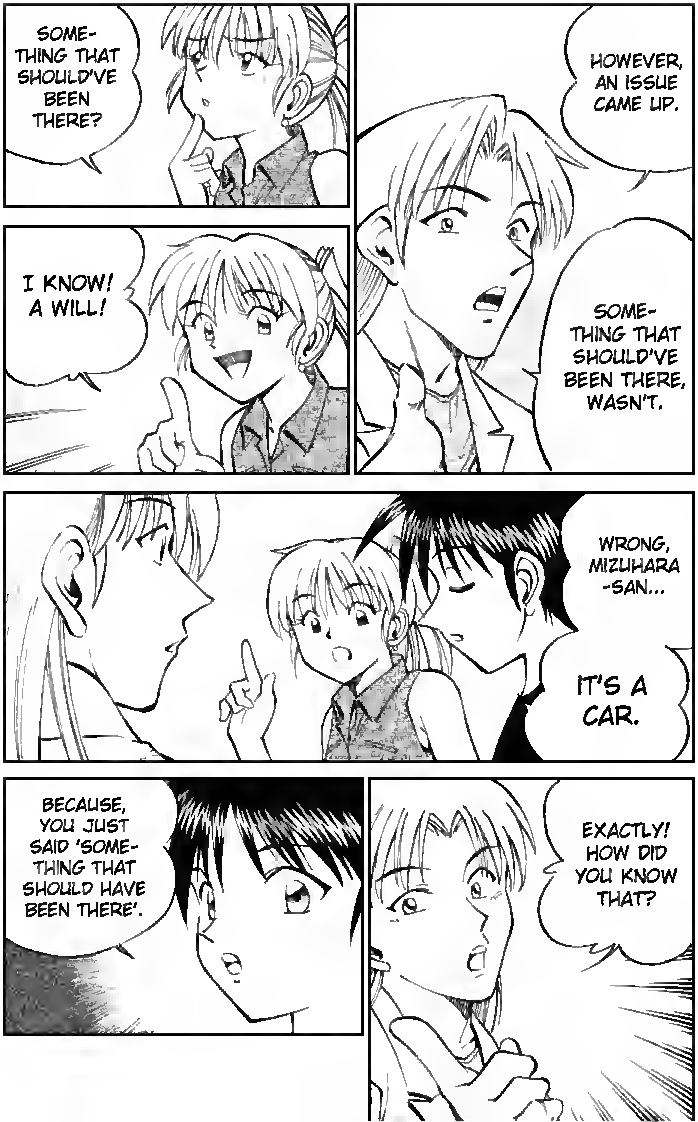
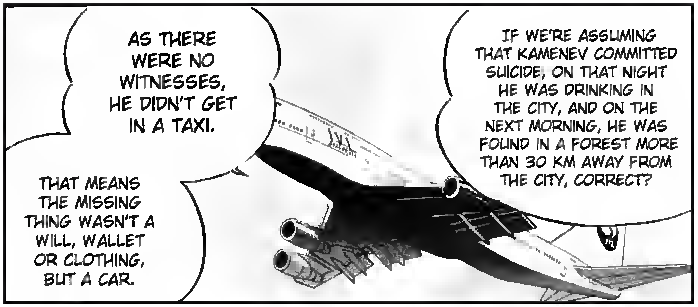

One month later, May 3rd, above the East China Sea.

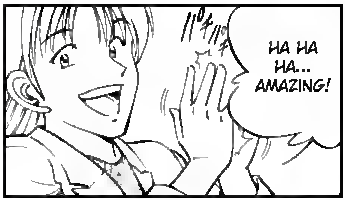
WAS FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH THE NEXT DAY IN A FOREST MORE THAN 30 KM FROM THE CITY... THERE WERE NO WITNESSES.
... SO KAMENEV, AFTER HAVING ATTENDED THE LECTURE ON QUANTUM MECHANICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW...
AT FIRST, THE POLICE THOUGHT HE HAD GOTTEN DRUNK AND FROZEN TO DEATH... IN OTHER WORDS, THAT IT WAS AN ACCIDENTAL DEATH.
ORANGE JUICE FOR THREE.
AH! IS THAT WINE?
EXCUSE ME... WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRINK?

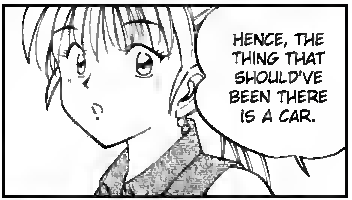
BUT, LOKI ...
WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ACCIDENT AND US HAVING TO BOARD THIS PLANE?
IT WAS FINALLY GOLDEN WEEK!
NO WAY! A TRIP ABROAD!? FOR FREE!?
THAT'S A NICE WAY TO PUT IT. EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE SO EXCITED EARLIER.
WHO WOULD PASS ON SUCH AN OBSCURE SAYING?
IT'S AN OLD SAYING, RIGHT? "A TRIP SUITS A DEAR CHILD WELL".
I'VE HAD DRINKS WITH KAMENEV,
HE CAN REALLY HOLD HIS LIQUOR.


WOULD THAT BY ANY CHANCE BE SUICIDE?
IT SEEMS THAT THE POLICE LOOKED INTO THAT AS WELL, AND CONCLUDED THAT THERE MUST BE ANOTHER REASON FOR HIS DEATH.
TO MAKE HIM GET DRUNK AND FREEZE TO DEATH ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, YOU'D NEED ALL THE VODKA IN MOSCOW.
EXACTLY.
KAMENEV'S TEAM, WHO WERE LAGGING BEHIND IN THE QUEST TO MAP DNA, SEEM TO HAVE PRESSED THEMSELVES HARD IN ORDER TO MAKE UP FOR THE LAG.
RECENTLY, WITH THE GIANT INTERNATIONAL PROJECT OF MAPPING THE INFORMATION OF DNA, THE "HUMAN GENOME PROJECT"[2], AMERICAN COMPANIES ANNOUNCED HAVING MAPPED 99% OF DNA.
AS SUSPECTED, TRACES OF A SLEEPING DRUG WAS FOUND IN HIS BODY.
BECAUSE OF THAT, THE POLICE THOUGHT THAT KAMENEV COMMITTED SUICIDE DUE TO THE STRESS AND STRAIN OF WORK.


SOME-THING THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE?
HOWEVER, AN ISSUE CAME UP.
SOME-THING THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE, WASN'T.
I KNOW! A WILL!
WRONG, MIZUHARA -SAN...
IT'S A CAR.
BECAUSE, YOU JUST SAID 'SOME-THING THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE'.
EXACTLY! HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?

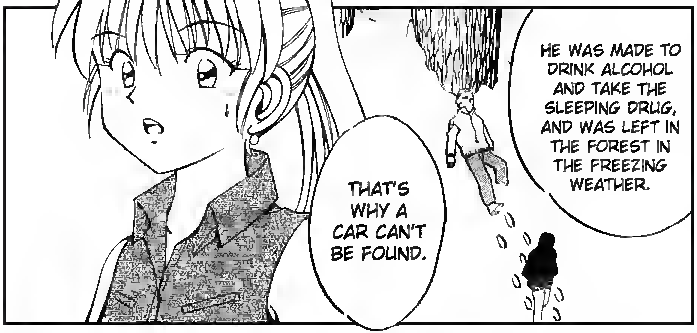

AS THERE WERE NO WITNESSES, HE DIDN'T GET IN A TAXI.
THAT MEANS THE MISSING THING WASN'T A WILL, WALLET OR CLOTHING, BUT A CAR.
IF WE'RE ASSUMING THAT KAMENEV COMMITTED SUICIDE, ON THAT NIGHT HE WAS DRINKING IN THE CITY, AND ON THE NEXT MORNING, HE WAS FOUND IN A FOREST MORE THAN 30 KM AWAY FROM THE CITY, CORRECT?

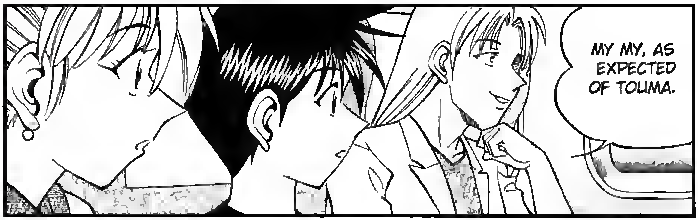

HA HA HA... AMAZING!

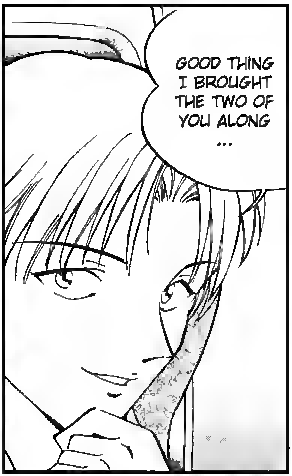

HENCE, THE THING THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN THERE IS A CAR.

SO WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

KAMENEV WAS MURDERED BY SOMEONE.


HE WAS MADE TO DRINK ALCOHOL AND TAKE THE SLEEPING DRUG, AND WAS LEFT IN THE FOREST IN THE FREEZING WEATHER.
THAT'S WHY A CAR CAN'T BE FOUND.


MY MY, AS EXPECTED OF TOUMA.


GOOD THING I BROUGHT THE TWO OF YOU ALONG ...

China, Macao
This is the temple for worshipping A-Ma, the guardian diety of ships, which is the origin for this place being named Macao.
A-Ma Temple (Ma1 Gok3 Miu6)

A-MA WAS A MIKO WHO COMMITED SUICIDE BY DROWNING HERSELF, WHO LATER BECAME A GODDESS THAT RESCUED WRECKED SHIPS.
UP UNTIL MACAO WAS RETURNED TO CHINA IN 1999, THIS OCEAN WAS THE COUNTRY'S BORDER WITH CHINA.
IS THAT MAINLAND CHINA? WOW, IT'S VERY CLOSE...
THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LOT OF ACCIDENTS IN THIS OCEAN. THIS A-MA TEMPLE IS A HOLY PLACE TO SOOTHE THEIR SPIRITS.
BUT THE CURRENTS ARE STRONG. LONG AGO, WHEN THERE WAS A CIVIL WAR IN CHINA, MANY AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO FLED DIED TRYING TO CROSS THIS OCEAN.
OOH ...

SO WHY ARE WE HERE?
THIS IS THE EXACT PLACE ...
WHERE THE CORPSE FLOATED ASHORE ...
WHAT HAPPENED? DID THAT PERSON ALSO SWIM ACROSS THIS OCEAN?
AH, NO... THIS ONE'S A BIT DIFFERENT ...
HE WAS ON A BOAT.

HEY! STOP! STOP!!
IT SEEMS HE WAS FIRST FOUND BY LOCAL FISHERMEN.
!!
HOW DAN-GER-OUS ...
AUTOPSY RESULTS SHOWED HE HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO OR THREE WEEKS.
IT'S SEEMS THAT DUE TO DECAY AND THE BIRDS THE CORPSE WAS IN AWFUL CONDITION.

DO YOU REMEMBER LIU SHEN CHI?
HE'S THE VICTIM.
HE'S THE ACE OF MIT'S DEPARTMENT OF AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, WHO WAS ALSO IN OUR YEAR, RIGHT?
IS HE AT NASA NOW OR..?
BUT WHY WASN'T IT IN ANY OF THE NEWS?
THAT MEANS THAT THIS IS A HUGE CASE, ISN'T IT?
IN OTHER WORDS, IN THE DURATION OF ONE MONTH, THE ACES OF GENETIC TECHNOLOGY AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING THAT WE STUDIED WITH HAVE BOTH DIED SUSPICIOUS DEATHS...
W-WAIT A MINUTE!

THE CASES OCCURRED IN RUSSIA AND CHINA... TWO MAJOR POWERS THAT HAVE STRAINED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AMERICA.
THERE, ELITE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATES HAVE BEEN MURDERED ONE AFTER THE OTHER.
SO THAT THERE'S NO STRANGE SPECULATION RUNNING ABOUT, THIS INFORMATION IS BEING WITHHELD UNTIL THE TRUTH IS KNOWN
IT'S BEING HUSHED UP BY THE POLITICIANS.
HE CAME BY MY PLACE, ASKING ME IF I KNEW ANYTHING.
!
DON'T YOU REMEMBER? THAT CIA IDIOT FROM THE ARTIFICIAL LIFE INCIDENT?
THEN, WHY DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
OR ... ...
DID LIU COMMIT SUICIDE?
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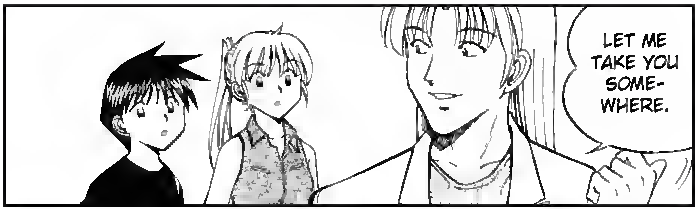
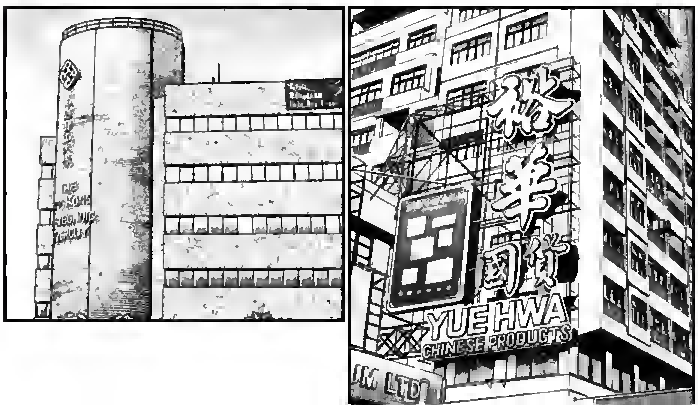

LET ME TAKE YOU SOME-WHERE.

HONG KONG, CHINA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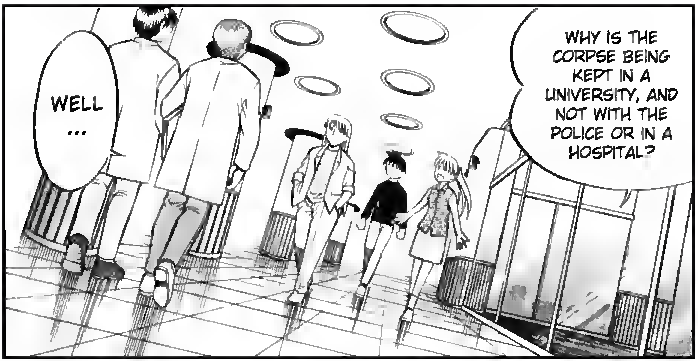
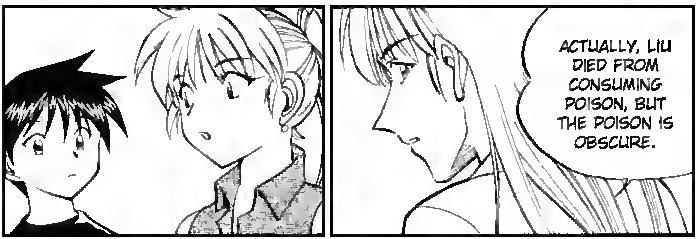
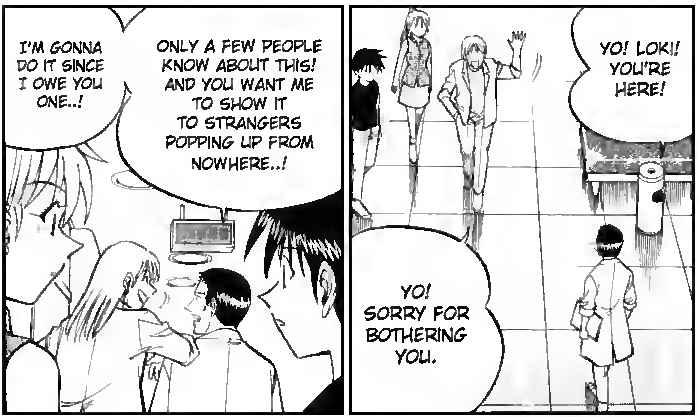
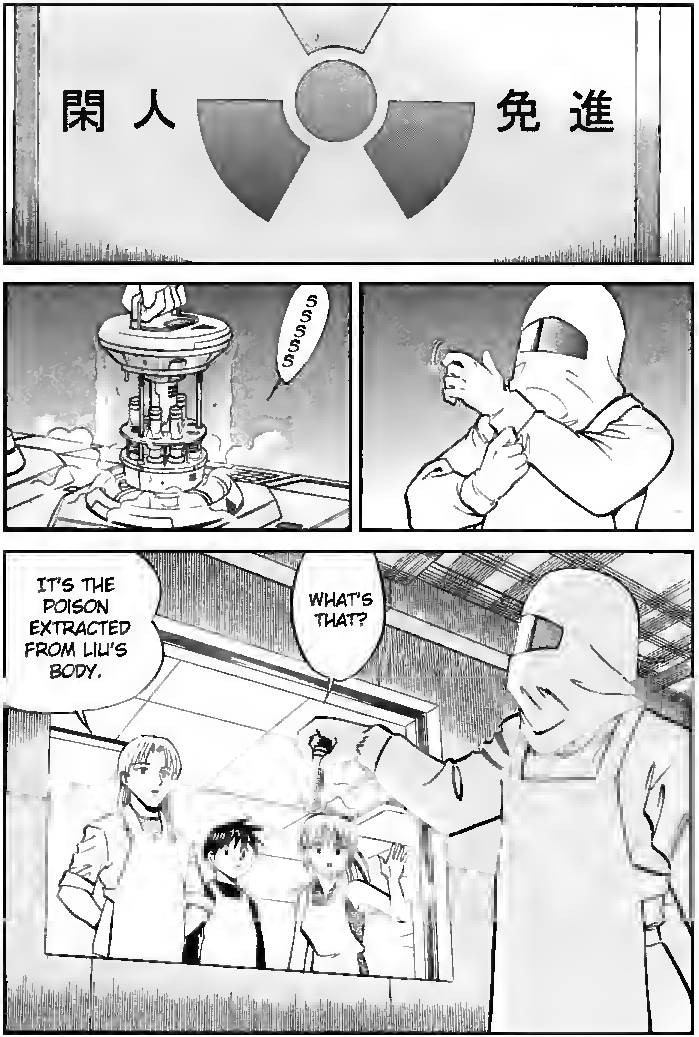
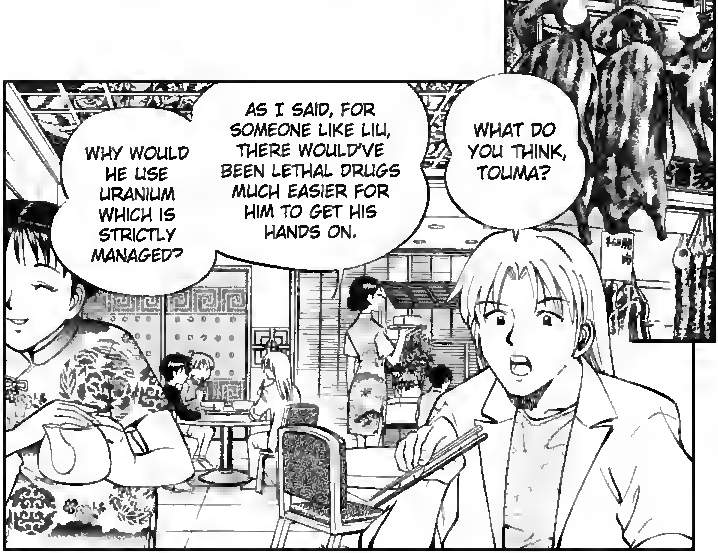

WELL ...
WHY IS THE CORPSE BEING KEPT IN A UNIVERSITY, AND NOT WITH THE POLICE OR IN A HOSPITAL?

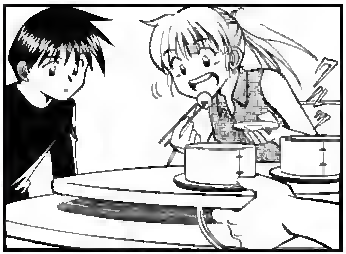

ACTUALLY, LIU DIED FROM CONSUMING POISON, BUT THE POISON IS OBSCURE.


I'M GONNA DO IT SINCE I OWE YOU ONE..!
ONLY A FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THIS! AND YOU WANT ME TO SHOW IT TO STRANGERS POPPING UP FROM NOWHERE..!
YO! LOK!! YOU'RE HERE!
YO! SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU.


閑人免進
SSSSS
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S THE POISON EXTRACTED FROM LIU'S BODY.

A RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCE... URANIUM.
JUST IN CASE, WE'RE KEEPING IT STORED IN CRYOPRESERVATION WITH INERT GAS.
IT'S NOT OF A HIGH ENOUGH PURITY TO BE, BUT...
ISN'T THAT STUFF DANGEROUS!?
EH!? EH!?
YOU CAN SAY THAT IT'S A POISON ON THE SAME LEVEL AS ARSENIC.
IS URANIUM A POISON?
THE PROBLEM IS, WHY WOULD LIU COMMIT SUICIDE BY TAKING SOMETHING LIKE THAT?


WHY WOULD HE USE URANIUM WHICH IS STRICTLY MANAGED?
AS I SAID, FOR SOMEONE LIKE LIU, THERE WOULD'VE BEEN LETHAL DRUGS MUCH EASIER FOR HIM TO GET HIS HANDS ON.
WHAT DO YOU THINK, TOUMA?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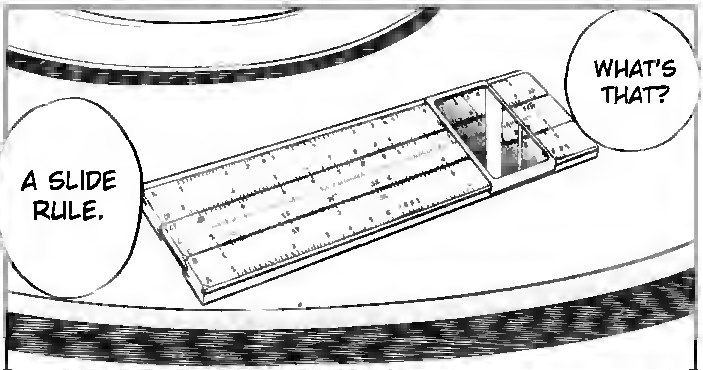
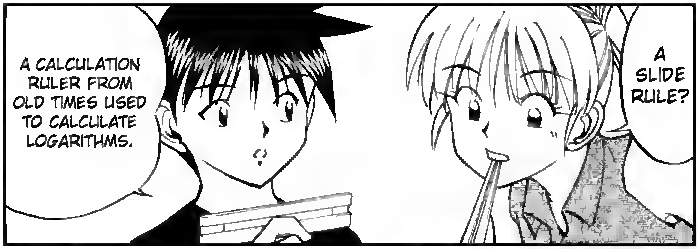
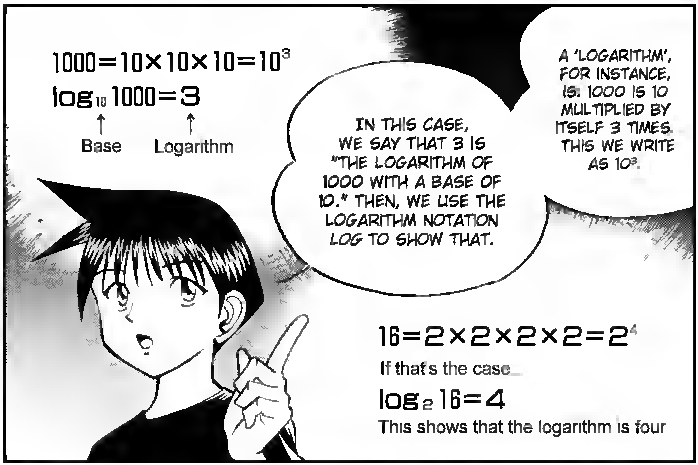
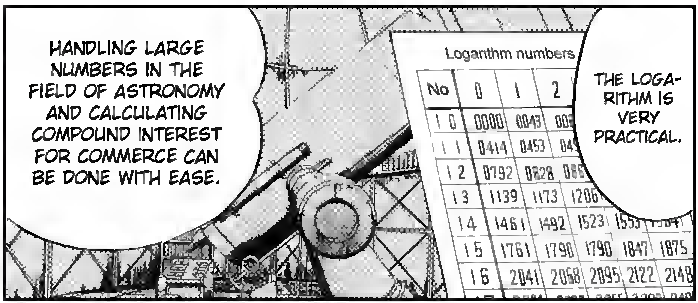

WHAT'S THAT?
A SLIDE RULE.

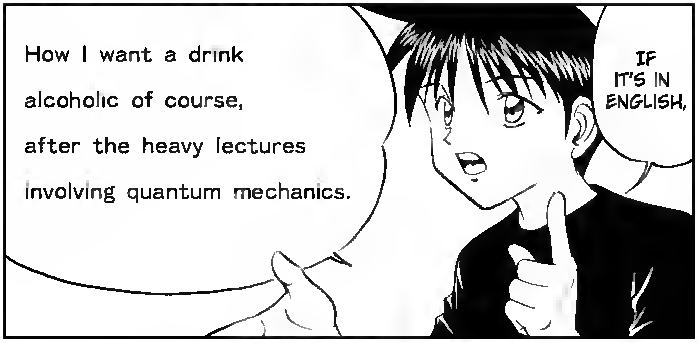

A CALCULATION RULER FROM OLD TIMES USED TO CALCULATE LOGARITHMS.
A SLIDE RULE?

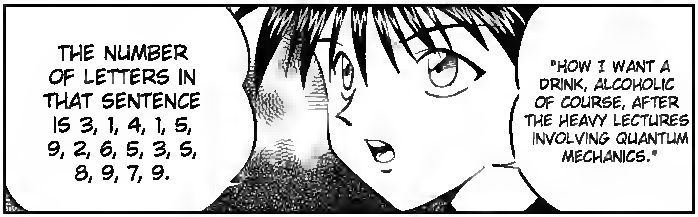

$1000=10\times10\times10=10^3$
$\log_{10}1000=3$
Base
Logarithm
IN THIS CASE, WE SAY THAT 3 IS "THE LOGARITHM OF 1000 WITH A BASE OF 10." THEN, WE USE THE LOGARITHM NOTATION LOG TO SHOW THAT.
A 'LOGARITHM', FOR INSTANCE, IS: 1000 IS 10 MULTIPLIED BY ITSELF 3 TIMES. THIS WE WRITE AS $10^3$.
$16=2\times2\times2\times2=2^4$
If that's the case
$\log_2 16=4$
This shows that the logarithm is four

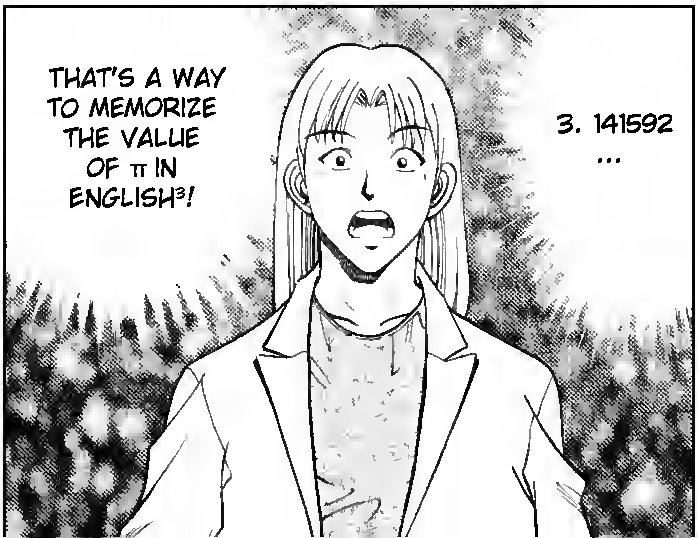

HANDLING LARGE NUMBERS IN THE FIELD OF ASTRONOMY AND CALCULATING COMPOUND INTEREST FOR COMMERCE CAN BE DONE WITH EASE.
Logarithm numbers
No 0 1 2
1 0 0000 0043
1 1 0414 0453
1 2 0792 0828
1 3 1139 1173 1206
1 4 1461 1492 1523
1 5 1761 1790 1790 1847 1875
1 6 2041 2058 2095 2122 2148
THE LOGARITHM IS VERY PRACTICAL.

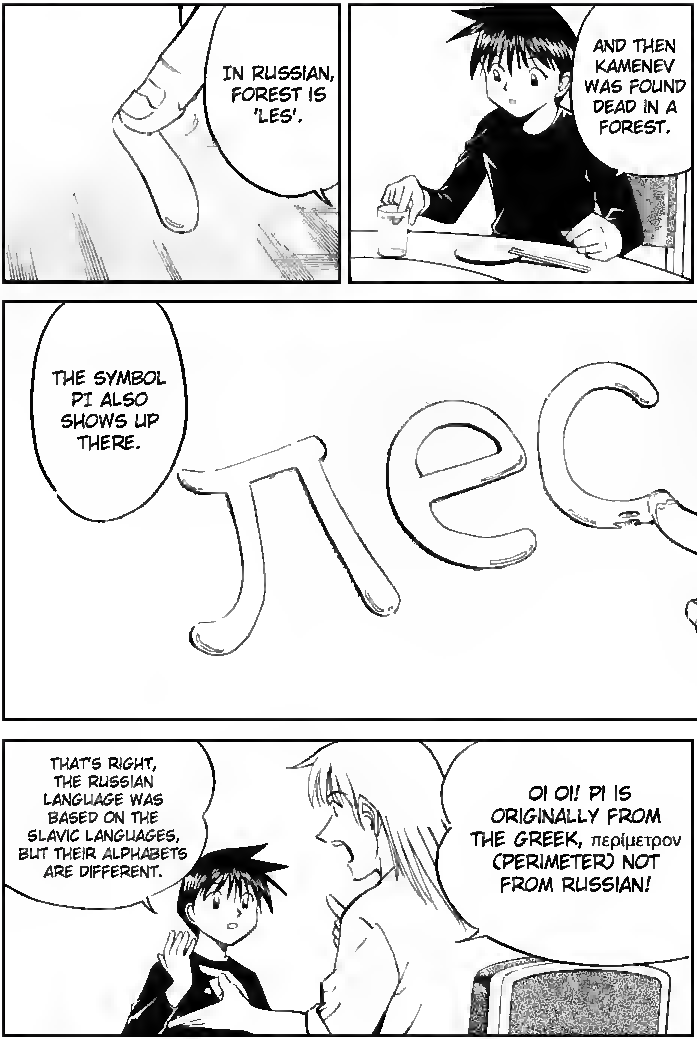
WHAT DO YOU THINK?
THE QUESTION IS, WHY WOULD AN OLD-FASHIONED CURIO LIKE THIS SLIDE RULE BE FOUND THERE...? AND THEN IN ONE MONTH THERE WERE TWO STRANGE DEATHS...
THERE'S A PATTERN.
PATTERN?
AFTER ATTENDING A LECTURE ON QUANTUM MECHANICS, KAMENEV WAS DRINKING ALCOHOL AND THEN HE DIED.
DOESN'T THAT REMIND YOU OF SOMETHING?

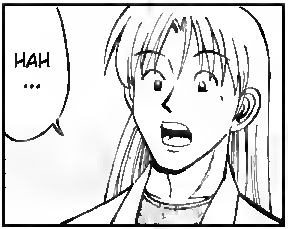
Note: Touma says it first in English, then in Japanese.

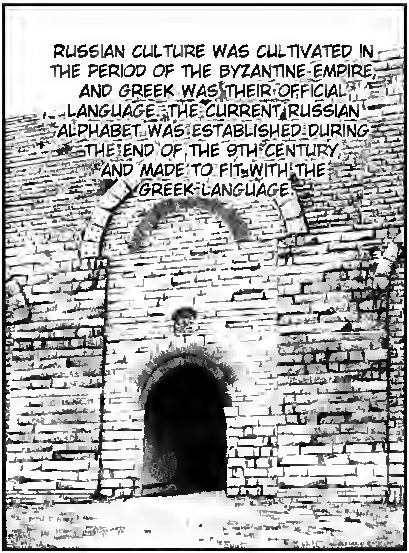


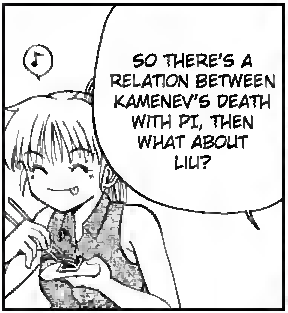


THE NUMBER OF LETTERS IN THAT SENTENCE IS 3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6, 5, 3, 5, 8, 9, 7, 9.
"HOW I WANT A DRINK, ALCOHOLIC OF COURSE, AFTER THE HEAVY LECTURES INVOLVING QUANTUM MECHANICS."

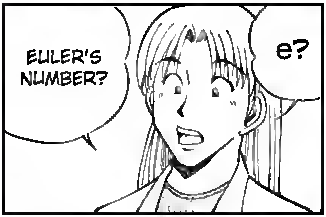



IN RUSSIAN, FOREST IS 'LES'.
AND THEN KAMENEV WAS FOUND DEAD IN A FOREST.
THE SYMBOL PI ALSO SHOWS UP THERE.
πες
THAT'S RIGHT, THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE WAS BASED ON THE SLAVIC LANGUAGES, BUT THEIR ALPHABETS ARE DIFFERENT.
OI OI! PI IS ORIGINALLY FROM THE GREEK, περίμετρον (PERIMETER) NOT FROM RUSSIAN!

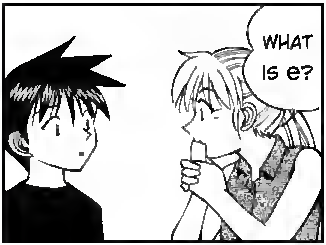

HAH ...

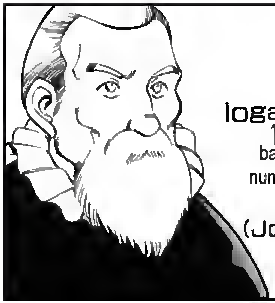

RUSSIAN CULTURE WAS CULTIVATED IN THE PERIOD OF THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE, AND GREEK WAS THEIR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE. THE CURRENT RUSSIAN ALPHABET WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE END OF THE 9TH CENTURY AND MADE TO FIT WITH THE GREEK LANGUAGE.


SO THERE'S A RELATION BETWEEN KAMENEV'S DEATH WITH PI, THEN WHAT ABOUT LIU?


EULER'S NUMBER?
e?

IT'S WITH THE NATURAL BASE e.


WHAT IS e?

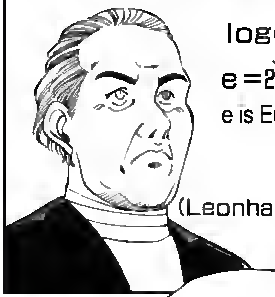


$\log_a X = y$

base number

(John Napier)

NAPIER, AN ENGLISH MATHEMATICIAN, WAS THE FIRST PERSON TO PUBLISH THE CONCEPT OF LOGARITHMS. IN ORDER TO DEAL WITH THAT CONCEPT, HE WASN'T EXPLICITLY USING A BASE NUMBER IN HIS FORMULA.



$\log_e X = y$

$e = 2.7182\cdots$

e is Euler's initial

(Leonhard Euler)

LATER, A SWISS MATHEMATICIAN, LEONHARD EULER, DISCOVERED THAT NUMBER.

THAT NUMBER IS CALLED THE NATURAL LOGARITHM NUMBER.

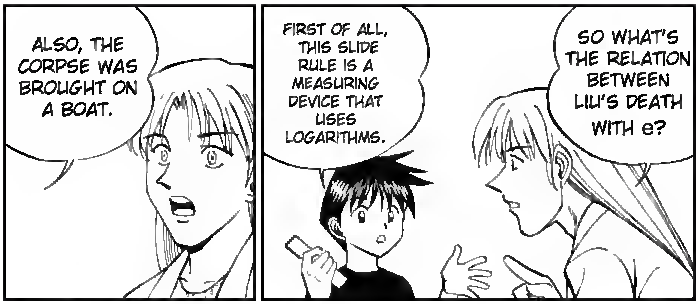
JUST LIKE π, e IS ALSO A CONSTANT WITH A VERY IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN TODAY'S SOCIETY.

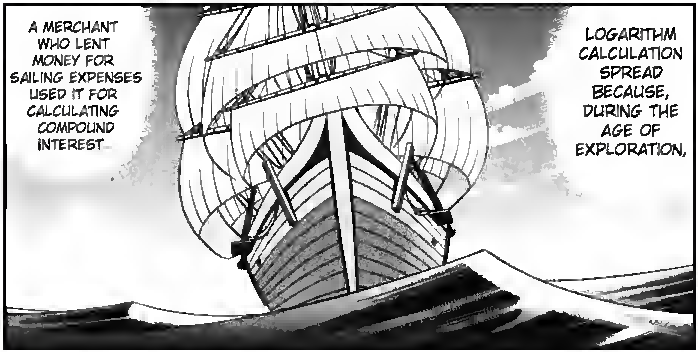
With the analyses, a simple equation can be made for deriving and integrating

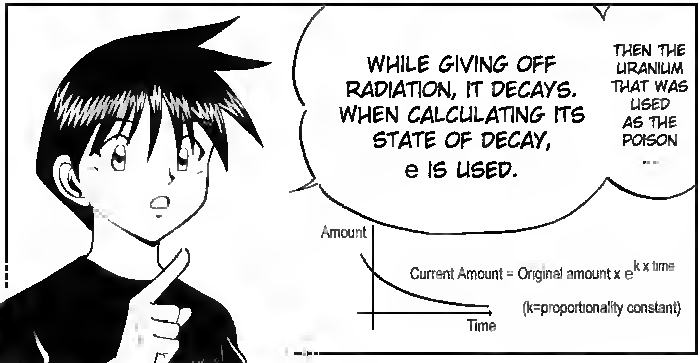
$$\frac{1}{X} \xleftarrow{\text{derivative}} \log_e X$$

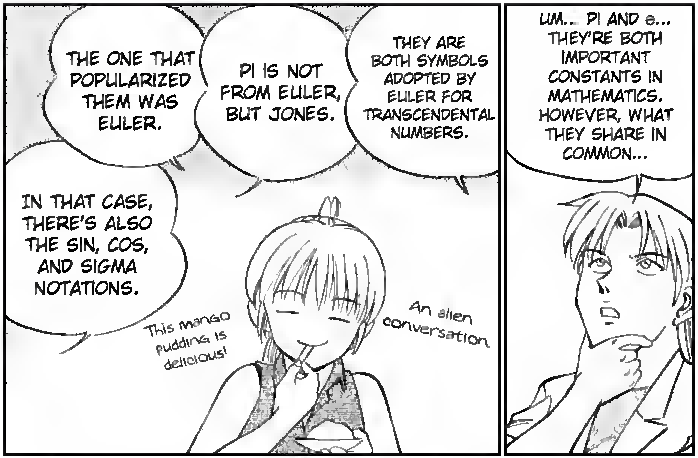
$$\xrightarrow{\text{integral}}$$

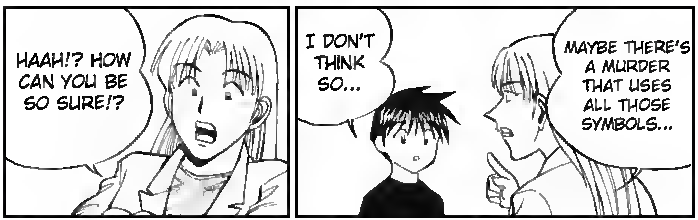
A logarithm with e as its base number is called a 'natural logarithm'

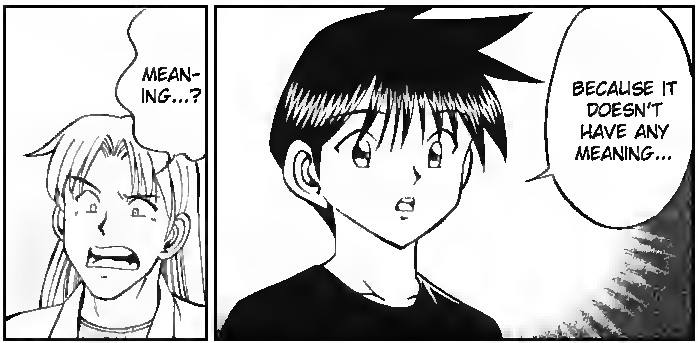

ALSO, THE CORPSE WAS BROUGHT ON A BOAT.
FIRST OF ALL, THIS SLIDE RULE IS A MEASURING DEVICE THAT USES LOGARITHMS.
SO WHAT'S THE RELATION BETWEEN LIU'S DEATH WITH e?


A MERCHANT WHO LENT MONEY FOR SAILING EXPENSES USED IT FOR CALCULATING COMPOUND INTEREST.
LOGARITHM CALCULATION SPREAD BECAUSE, DURING THE AGE OF EXPLORATION,

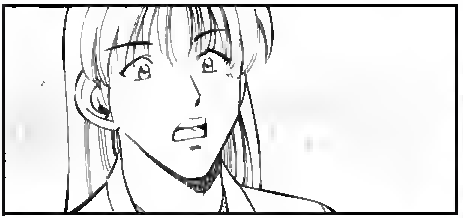

WHILE GIVING OFF RADIATION, IT DECAYS. WHEN CALCULATING ITS STATE OF DECAY, e IS USED.
THEN THE URANIUM THAT WAS USED AS THE POISON ...
Amount
Current Amount = Original amount x e^(k x time)
(k=proportionality constant)
Time

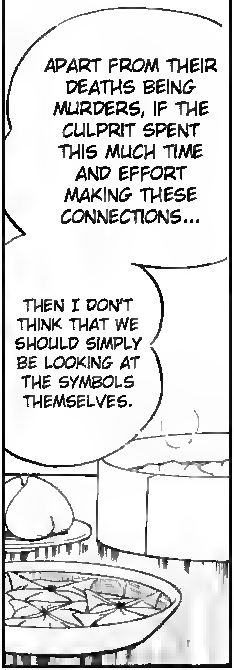

UM... PI AND e... THEY'RE BOTH IMPORTANT CONSTANTS IN MATHEMATICS. HOWEVER, WHAT THEY SHARE IN COMMON...
THEY ARE BOTH SYMBOLS ADOPTED BY EULER FOR TRANSCENDENTAL NUMBERS.
PI IS NOT FROM EULER, BUT JONES.
THE ONE THAT POPULARIZED THEM WAS EULER.
IN THAT CASE, THERE'S ALSO THE SIN, COS, AND SIGMA NOTATIONS.
This mango pudding is delicious!
An alien conversation


MAYBE THERE'S A MURDER THAT USES ALL THOSE SYMBOLS...
I DON'T THINK SO...
HAAH!? HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE!?


BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE ANY MEANING...
MEAN-ING...?

THERE'S SOME SORT OF IMPORTANT MESSAGE HIDING BEHIND THEM.




APART FROM THEIR DEATHS BEING MURDERS, IF THE CULPRIT SPENT THIS MUCH TIME AND EFFORT MAKING THESE CONNECTIONS...
THEN I DON'T THINK THAT WE SHOULD SIMPLY BE LOOKING AT THE SYMBOLS THEMSELVES.

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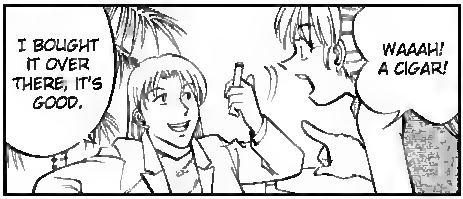
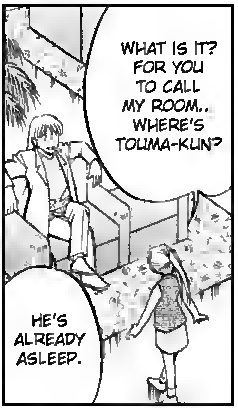
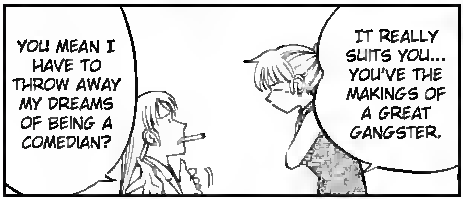
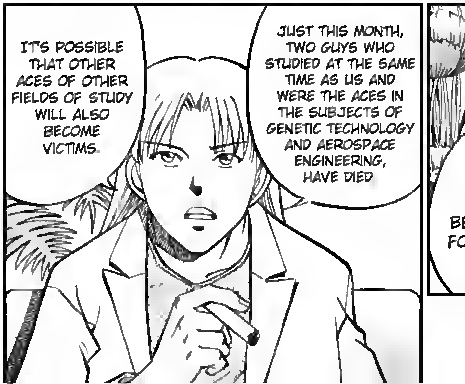
OI, KANA-CHAN! HERE! HERE!


I BOUGHT IT OVER THERE, IT'S GOOD.
WAAAH! A CIGAR!


WHAT IS IT? FOR YOU TO CALL MY ROOM.. WHERE'S TOUMA-KUN?
HE'S ALREADY ASLEEP.


YOU MEAN I HAVE TO THROW AWAY MY DREAMS OF BEING A COMEDIAN?
IT REALLY SUITS YOU... YOU'VE THE MAKINGS OF A GREAT GANGSTER.


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT OTHER ACES OF OTHER FIELDS OF STUDY WILL ALSO BECOME VICTIMS.
JUST THIS MONTH, TWO GUYS WHO STUDIED AT THE SAME TIME AS US AND WERE THE ACES IN THE SUBJECTS OF GENETIC TECHNOLOGY AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, HAVE DIED

NEVER MIND. ACTUALLY I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK OF YOU.
WHAT IS IT? BEING SO FORMAL..

FOR EXAMPLE, FROM THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT.
THE ONE BEING TARGETED IS TOUMA.
NOPE... IT'S NOT ME...
SO YOU AS WELL?
NO WAY!
THE CHANCES FOR THAT ARE VERY HIGH.
PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIM.

THE CRIMINAL WOULD SURELY CONTINUE HIS PLAN DESPITE ANY OBSTACLES,
AS HE'S SURE THAT HE'S IMPECCABLE,
IN OTHER WORDS, THAT PERSON IS SMART.
WHEN I RETURN HOME, I'LL GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE. I WANT YOU TO KEEP WATCH OVER TOUMA UNTIL THE TRUTH GETS OUT.
IF THAT WERE TO REALLY HAPPEN ...
THIS IS A PRIVATE EXCHANGE OF OPINION WITHOUT ANY PROOF OR INFORMATION, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE POLICE TO TAKE ACTION.
WE CAN'T.
IN THAT CASE, LET'S JUST REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE!
THAT'S THE REASON I CALLED YOU HERE.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WE CAN DEPEND ON,

TAX FREE
KLEIGH WATER
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YOU'RE ALWAYS IN THE LIGHT, AREN'T YOU?

YES, IT SUITS YOU!
IT SUITS YOU WELL!
WHO ARE YOU?
TOUMA-KUN, MAY I ASK YOU A QUEST-ION?
WHO ARE YOU?
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!!
I SAID, "MAY I ASK YOU A QUEST-ION?!"

ODD, ISN'T IT?
EVEN THOUGH I NEVER SPEAK SO ROUGHLY ...
HA HA HA... SORRY I INADVER TANTLY RAISED MY VOICE
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT...
OH, YES... MY NAME, IS IT?

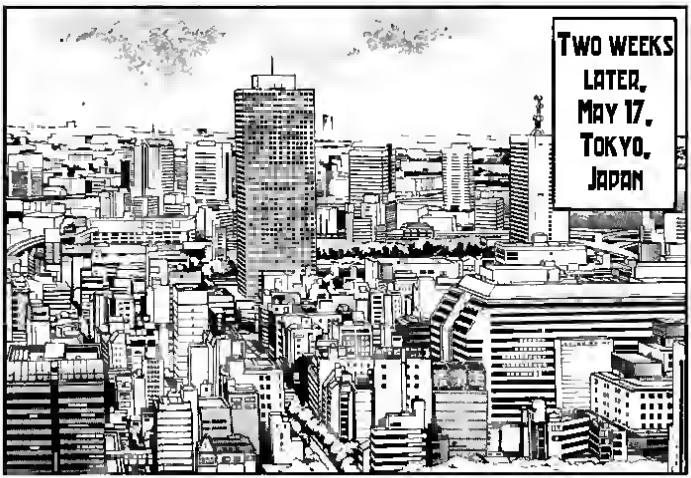
AT THIS TIME I CAN BE CONSIDERED A MATHMATICIAN, JUST LIKE YOU.
YOU WILL KNOW MY NAME EVEN-TUALLY.
IT'S THE TRUTH ...
TAKE A LOOK AT THE MIT BUILDING!
IT'S THE MOST PROMINENT CITADEL FOR THE STUDY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
BUT WHAT EXACTLY IS THEIR AIM HERE?

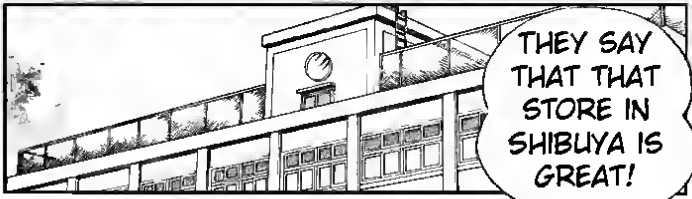
THROUGH GENETIC ENGINEERING WE ARE ABLE TO DO THINGS THAT WERE THOUGHT OF AS IMPOSSIBLE TEN YEARS AGO. CLONING, GENE THERAPY, AND GENETIC ANALYSIS ARE ALL PLAUSIBLE NOW.
IN THE WORLD OF AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY, THE DREAMS OF BUILDING SPACE STATIONS OR USING A RAMJET ENGINE TO FLY AROUND AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS HAVE ALL COME TRUE.
QUANTUM MECHANICS HAS SHED LIGHT ON THE FORMATION OF PARTICLES AND SOON COULD COMBINE ELECTROMAGNETISM, GRAVITY, AND STRONG AND WEAK INTERACTIONS INTO A SINGLE FORMULA.
MATHEMATICIANS CAN TAKE THIS HIGHLY ADVANCED INFORMATION, BREAK IT DOWN, SOLVE IT, AND ULTIMATELY USE THAT INFORMATION TO EVEN PREDICT CATASTROPHES.

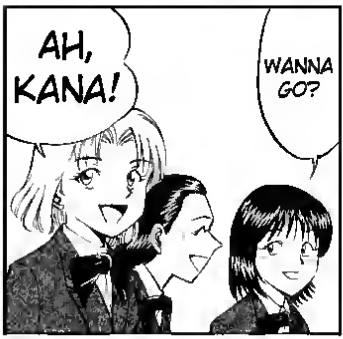
HUMANS CANNOT BE ANYTHING MORE THAN HUMAN!
NO!
SORRY, BUT PHILOSOPHY ISN'T MY SPECIALTY.
?
WHAT IS NEEDED ARE THE WORDS OF GOD WHICH TRANSCEND HUMAN INTELLECT!
THERE WILL SURELY COME A DAY WHEN HUMANS DON'T NEED TO LIVE ON OBEYING WORDS AS THEY DO NOW!

I CAME ALL THIS WAY JUST TO ASK YOU!
HOW DIS-APPOINTING! ARE THOSE REALLY YOUR WORDS?
HUMANS CAN NEVER BECOME GOD.
HOW TO BECOME GOD?
HE'S ONLY WAITING FOR THE ANSWER THAT HE WANTS TO HEAR.
THIS MAN ISN'T ASKING ME...
THEIR "NAME!"
THAT'S GREAT! YOU WANT TO KNOW, DON'T YOU!?
HA! HA! HA! AS EXPECTED OF TOUMA-KUN!

NATURALLY THEY WOULD WANT TO HEAR HIS WORDS...
IF EVERY-ONE KNOWS THE NAME OF SUCH A HUMAN...
THAT WOULD MEAN HE'S GOD, RIGHT?
AND IF EVERYONE IS LISTENING TO HIS WORDS...
IF YOU HAVE A NAME THAT IS KNOWN TO ALL, YOUR WORDS WILL SURELY BE HEARD BY ALL!
OBTAIN AN IMMORTAL NAME THAT NONE SHALL FORGET!
FOR THAT REASON, I WANT TO...

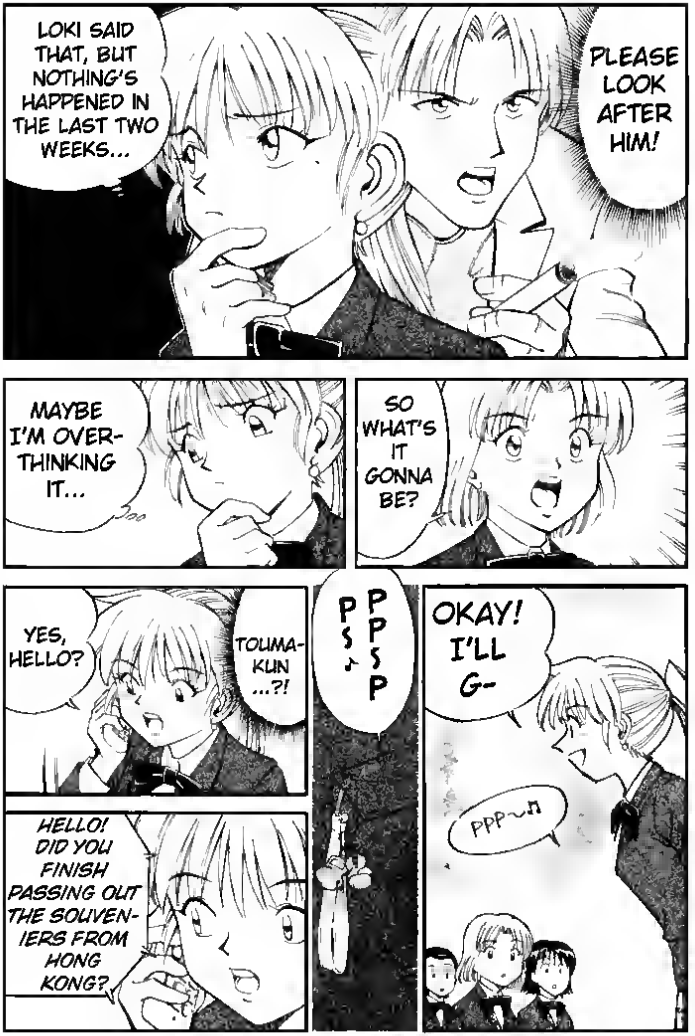

TWO WEEKS LATER, MAY 17, TOKYO, JAPAN


THEY SAY THAT THAT STORE IN SHIBUYA IS GREAT!


AH, KANA!
WANNA GO?

EH, WHERE'S THAT?
IT HAS CUTE ACCESS-ORIES AND TRINKETS!

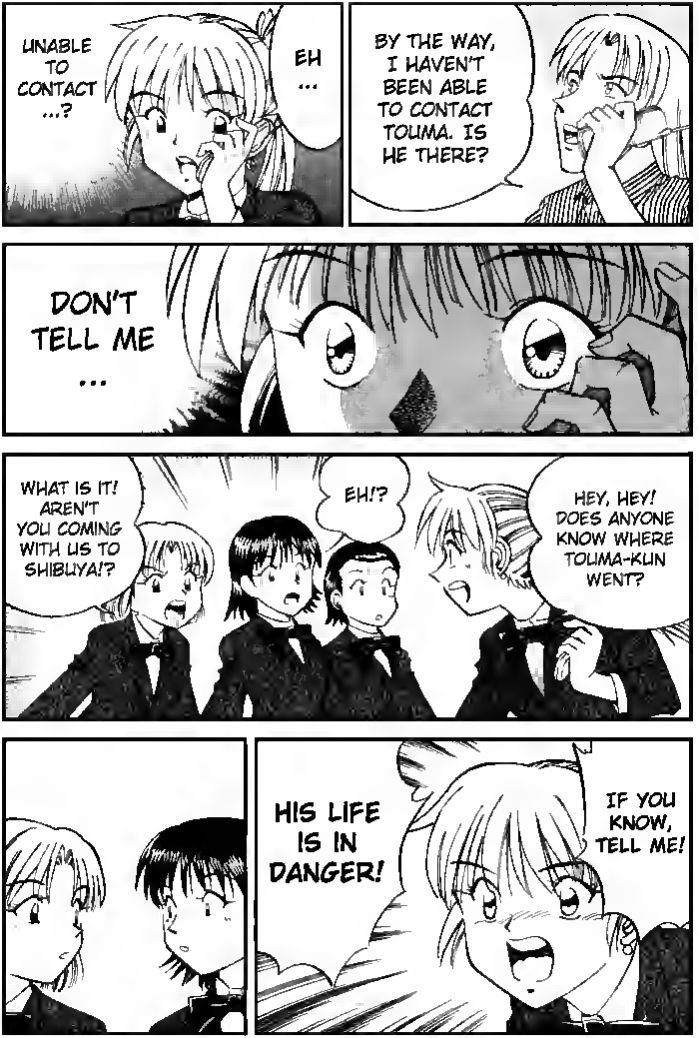
WANNA GO?
WE FOUND A COOL STORE IN SHIBUYA!
SORRY, I'LL PASS.
LATELY YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER!
WHAT? ANOTHER DATE?
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU GUYS SEEN TOUMA-KUN?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
GO ON! GO ON! BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T EXPERIENCE THE SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH ARE INDEED LIVING LIKE AMOEBAS! HAVE FUN!
HMMM ...
SO, ARE YOU GOING TO COME?
THEN WHAT IS IT?


LOKI SAID THAT, BUT NOTHING'S HAPPENED IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS...
PLEASE LOOK AFTER HIM!
MAYBE I'M OVER-THINKING IT...
SO WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?
YES, HELLO?
TOUMA-KUN ...?!
PPSP PS♪
OKAY! I'LL G-
PPP~♫
HELLO! DID YOU FINISH PASSING OUT THE SOUVEN-IERS FROM HONG KONG?

DON'T YELL! I'VE BEEN DOING MY BEST, TOO!
WHY IS IT.. YOU HAVEN'T CALLED IN TWO WEEKS!?
MORE IMPORT-ANTLY, HAVE YOU READ THE NEWS-PAPER?
YUP! IT'S DAWN HERE, AND I'M SO SLEEPY!
LOKI? IS THIS FROM AMERICA !?
24 Convenience
MISS, ARE YOU GOING TO BUY THAT?
WHAT'S WITH KANA? SUDDENLY GOING TO A MINI-MART...

WORLD-RENOWNED SCIENTISTS DEAD!! ONE AFTER ANOTHER IN MOSCOW AND MACAO!
SERIAL MURDERS? BOTH VICTIMS ARE GRADUATES OF THE TOP UNIVERSITY MIT
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?
WASN'T THIS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET?
IT'S STILL SUPPOSED TO BE KEPT A SECRET. THE POLICE DIDN'T LEAK ANYTHING.
SO WHY IS IT PUBLISHED IN THE PAPERS ?!
MAYBE THE CRIMINAL LEAKED IT HIMSELF.

THE MURDERER COMMITTED HIS CRIME TO FIT WITH π AND e IN ORDER TO SEND OUT A MESSAGE.
MAYBE IT'S LIKE WHAT TOUMA SAID...
AND THAT'S WHY HE LEAKED THE INFORMATION TO THE MASS MEDIA HIMSELF!
BUT BECAUSE THE MURDERS HAVE INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS, IT'S ALL BEING HUSHED UP, AND THE MESSAGE DIDN'T GET THROUGH...
MAYBE THE MURDERER WANTS TO SHOW OFF HIS NEXT CRIME!
YES, THE MURDERER EXISTS...
SO THE DEATHS OF THOSE TWO PEOPLE WERE REALLY MURDERS!?
AND WHAT'S EVEN MORE TROUBLING ...


UNABLE TO CONTACT ...?
EH ...
BY THE WAY, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT TOUMA. IS HE THERE?
DON'T TELL ME ...
WHAT IS IT! AREN'T YOU COMING WITH US TO SHIBUYA!?
EH!?
HEY, HEY! DOES ANYONE KNOW WHERE TOUMA-KUN WENT?
HIS LIFE IS IN DANGER!
IF YOU KNOW, TELL ME!

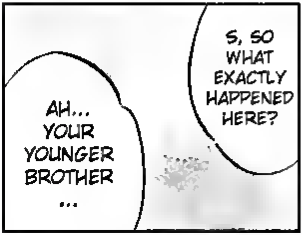
WHILE LOOKING AT THE MAP OF THE NIHONBASHI AREA...
SUMIDA-GAWA!?
YES ...
Asakusa Line
日本橋駅
Nihombashi Sta.
GOING OUT FROM SUMIDAGAWA, TOWARDS EITAI-DORI...
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID...
THERE IT IS!
永代通
Eitai-dori

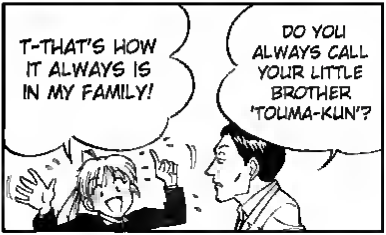
DAMN! THAT DUMMY JUST KEEPS WORRYING ME!
!!
TOUMA-KUN!
TOUMA!

YOU CAN'T REALLY SEE FROM HERE.
MAYBE SOMEONE FELL INTO THE RIVER ...
SORRY, I DON'T REALLY KNOW MYSELF ...
EXCUSE ME... DID SOMETHING HAPPEN HERE!?
PLEASE MAKE WAY!
.....
IT'S NO GOOD. I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING.
SO, DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?

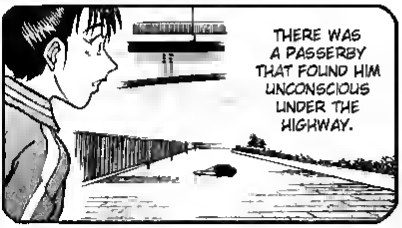
WE'RE RELATED!
I'M THAT KID'S OLDER SISTER!
TOU ...!!
HEY! YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO ENTER!
MIZUHARA-SAN.
TOUMA-KUN!!

I'M HIS OLDER SISTER! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY YOUNGER BROTHER?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


S, SO WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED HERE?
AH... YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER ...

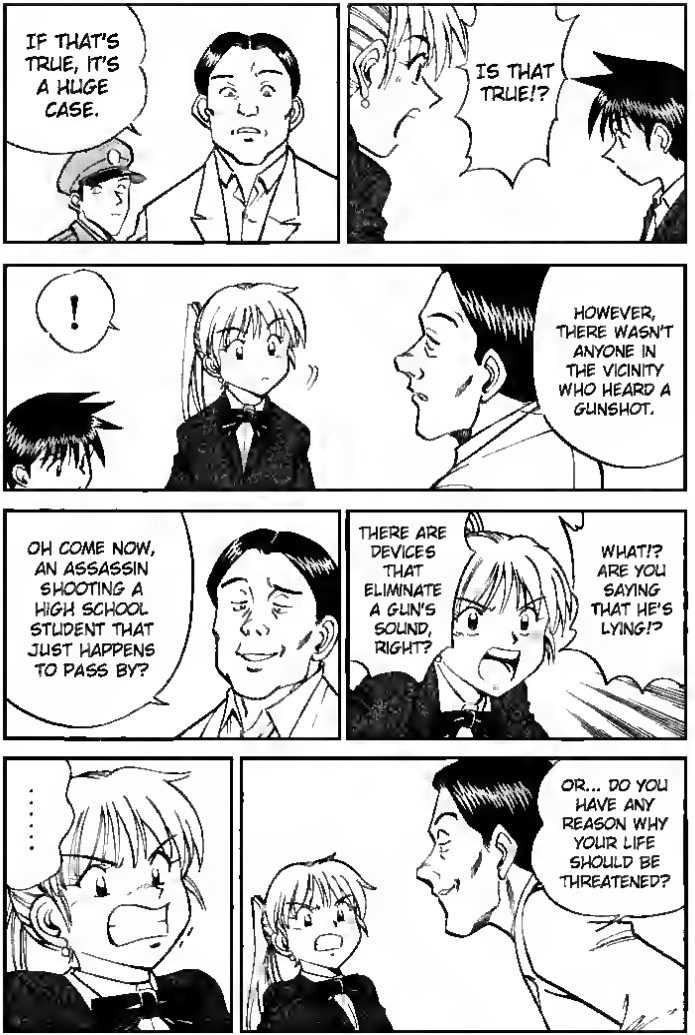

T-THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS IS IN MY FAMILY!
DO YOU ALWAYS CALL YOUR LITTLE BROTHER 'TOUMA-KUN'?

EH?
WELL, THAT'S WHAT HE SAID.


THERE WAS A PASSERBY THAT FOUND HIM UNCONSCIOUS UNDER THE HIGHWAY.

HE WAS SHOT ...

BLOOD WAS FLOWING FROM HIS SHOULDER.
AND GRAZED HIS SHOULDER.
HE SAID THAT A BULLET CAME FROM OUT OF NOWHERE...
WHEN WE TRIED ASKING ABOUT THE SITUATION ...
RIGHT NOW THE DIVERS ARE LOOKING FOR IT.
THE BULLET THEN CONTINUED INTO THE RIVER

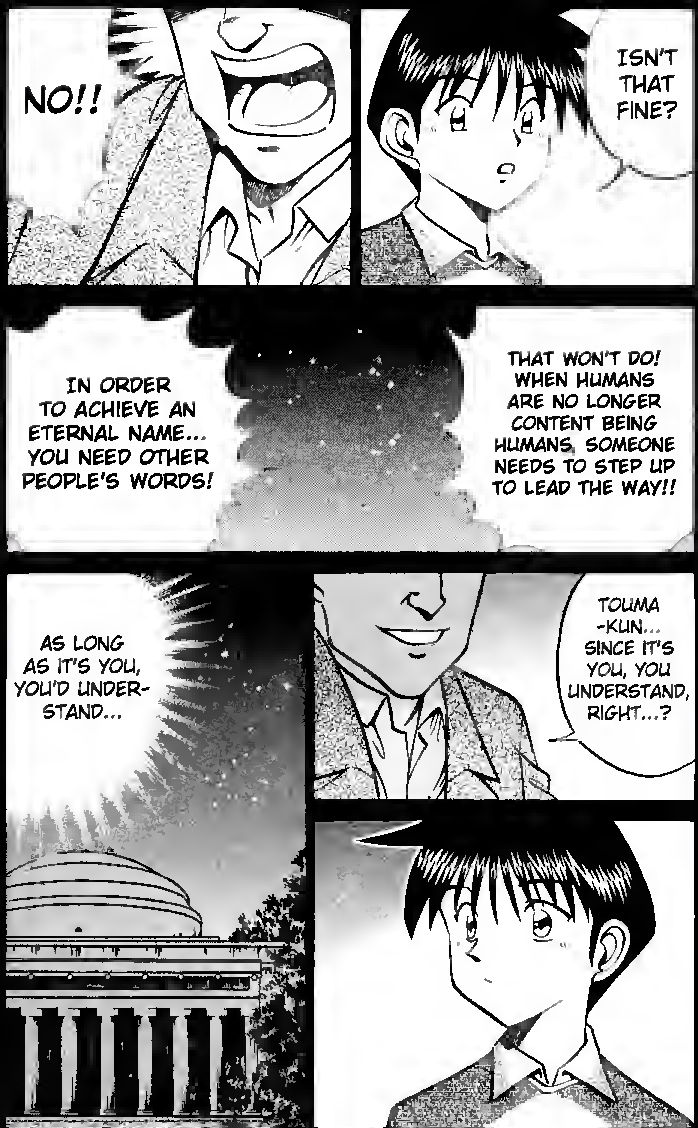

IF THAT'S TRUE, IT'S A HUGE CASE.
IS THAT TRUE!?
!
HOWEVER, THERE WASN'T ANYONE IN THE VICINITY WHO HEARD A GUNSHOT.
OH COME NOW, AN ASSASSIN SHOOTING A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT THAT JUST HAPPENS TO PASS BY?
THERE ARE DEVICES THAT ELIMINATE A GUN'S SOUND, RIGHT?
WHAT!? ARE YOU SAYING THAT HE'S LYING!?
.....
OR... DO YOU HAVE ANY REASON WHY YOUR LIFE SHOULD BE THREATENED?

A LOT OF INVESTIGATORS ARE DIVING IN THE RIVER.
LOOK! EVERYTHING'S A GIANT MESS DUE TO YOUR TESTIMONY.
WHICH MEANS I HAVE TO WORK OVERTIME TODAY!
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, I HAVE TO FILL OUT A MOUNTAIN OF PAPERWORK,
EVEN THOUGH THE WATER IS STILL COLD, AND UNDER STRONG CURRENTS
SO FINDING THE BULLET WOULD SURE BE NICE, HUH?

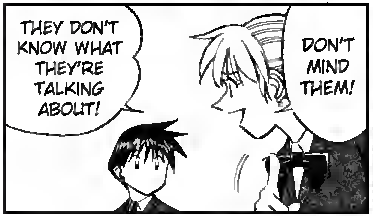
EXPERTS TALK ABOUT PRESENT DAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
They are a generation of video gamers they confuse reality and games
Trouble in Eitai Bridge Neighborhood.
A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT CAUSES UPROAR: "I WAS SHOT AT!"
.....
AAAH!
DAMN IT!!
EH... BUT, I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WHAT THE HELL!! EVERYONE'S BLOODY CALLING TOUMA-KUN A LIAR!

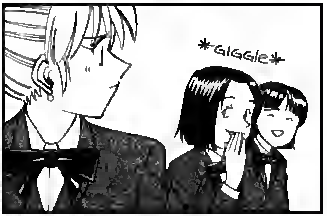
WHY ARE YOU BEING LIKE THAT!?
BECAUSE THESE KIND OF THINGS OFTEN HAPPEN ...
BESIDES, YOU DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE HIM GET SHOT, RIGHT?
HE'S A GENIUS, BUT SOMETIMES HE'S WEIRD...
IN ORDER TO BECOME FAMOUS, PEOPLE DO OUTRAGEOUS THINGS...

MOST PEOPLE AT THIS UNIVERSITY ...
KNOW YOUR NAME.
DECADES AFTER THEIR GRADUATION FROM HERE, THE MAJORITY WILL WORK AT THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR FIELDS AROUND THE WORLD, WON'T THEY?
THEY MIGHT REMEMBER YOU DURING SMALL TALK OVER DRINKS, AS THEY RETURN HOME, TIRED FROM WORK.
'AH, TOUMA! I REMEMBER HIM! THAT CHILD PRODIGY, RIGHT? I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW?'... IS WHAT THEY'LL SAY.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? IF IT'S ONLY TO THAT DEGREE... YOUR NAME ISN'T ETERNAL.

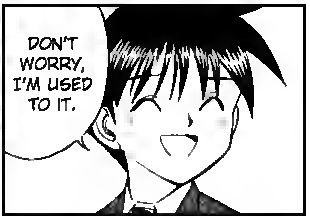

NO!!
ISN'T THAT FINE?
IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AN ETERNAL NAME... YOU NEED OTHER PEOPLE'S WORDS!
THAT WON'T DO! WHEN HUMANS ARE NO LONGER CONTENT BEING HUMANS, SOMEONE NEEDS TO STEP UP TO LEAD THE WAY!!
AS LONG AS IT'S YOU, YOU'D UNDER-STAND...
TOUMA -KUN... SINCE IT'S YOU, YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT...?

AH! GOOD MORNING...
YO! MORNING TOUMA-KUN!

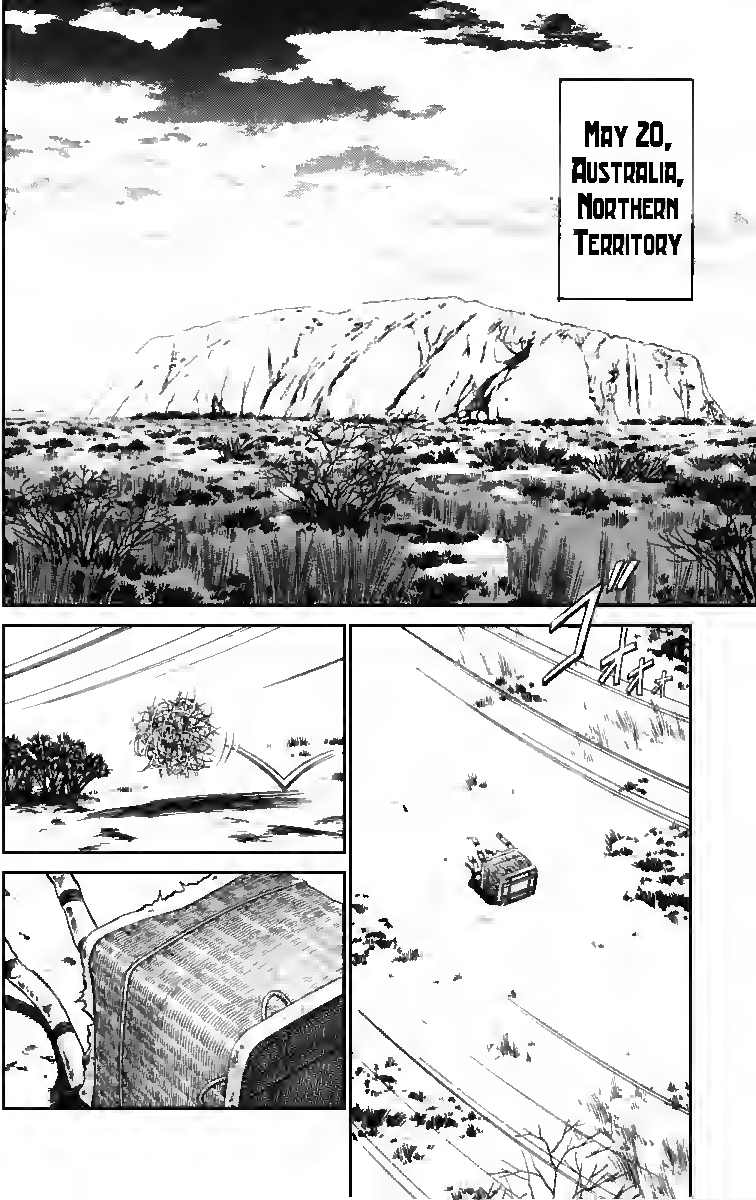

THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT!
DON'T MIND THEM!


*GIGGLE*

DID YOU LISTEN TO THE RADIO LAST NIGHT?


DON'T WORRY, I'M USED TO IT.

THAT MAY BE TRUE...
HA HA HA HA !!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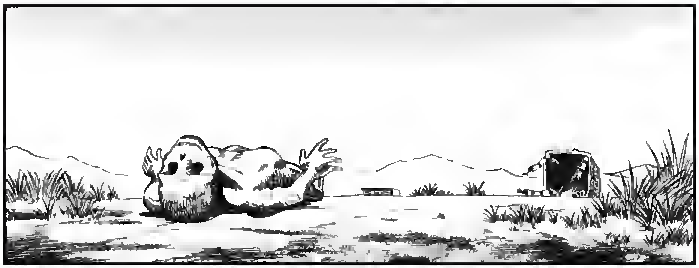

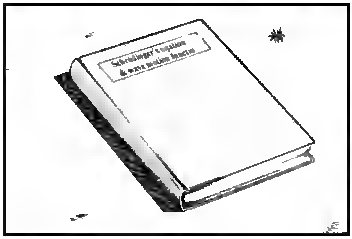
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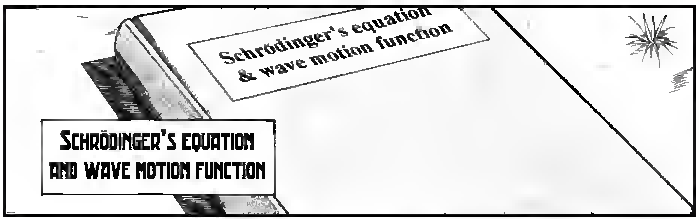
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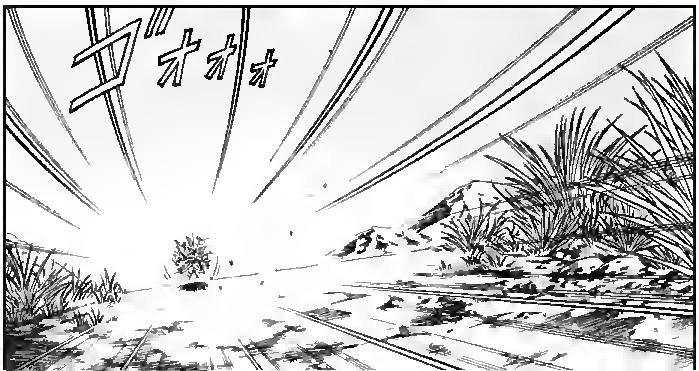
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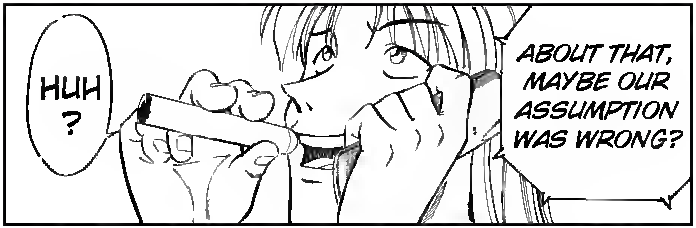
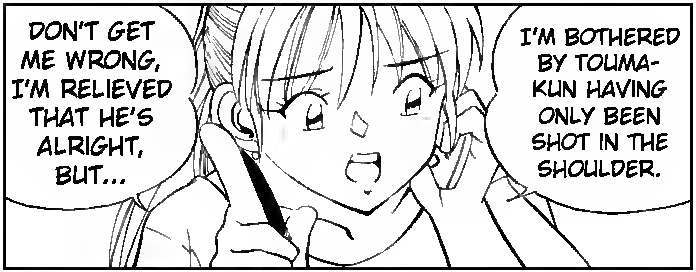
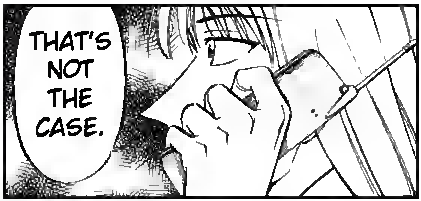
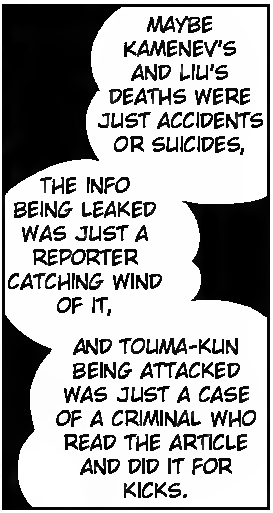
May 21, morning, Mizuhara residence
P~PPP P~PP
AH!
AH!
YAH, MIZUHARA HERE!
YO, KANA-CHAN! WHAT IN BLAZES IS THAT IDIOT THINKING?
LOKI ??
I WAS JUST TELLING TOUMA TO GO TO THE POLICE WITH THE TRUTH AND ASK FOR PRO-TECTION, SINCE THE STORY'S ALREADY LEAKED, BUT HE REFUSES.

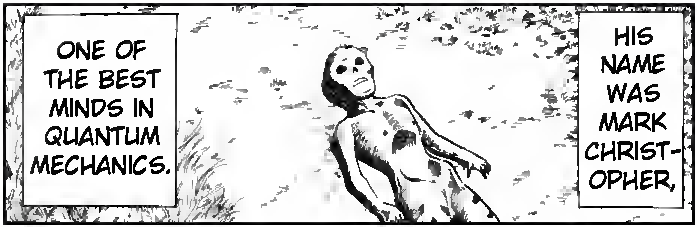

HUH?
ABOUT THAT, MAYBE OUR ASSUMPTION WAS WRONG?

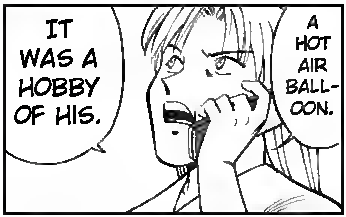

DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'M RELIEVED THAT HE'S ALRIGHT, BUT...
I'M BOTHERED BY TOUMA-KUN HAVING ONLY BEEN SHOT IN THE SHOULDER.

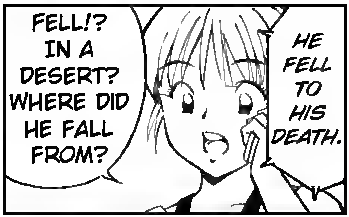

THAT'S NOT THE CASE.

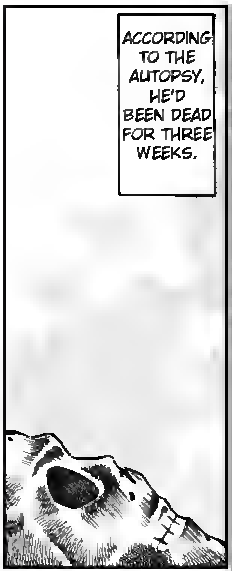

MAYBE KAMENEV'S AND LIU'S DEATHS WERE JUST ACCIDENTS OR SUICIDES,
THE INFO BEING LEAKED WAS JUST A REPORTER CATCHING WIND OF IT,
AND TOUMA-KUN BEING ATTACKED WAS JUST A CASE OF A CRIMINAL WHO READ THE ARTICLE AND DID IT FOR KICKS.

A THIRD VICTIM WAS FOUND IN THE AUSTRA-LIAN OUTBACK.

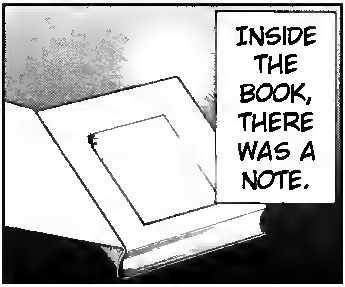

ONE OF THE BEST MINDS IN QUANTUM MECHANICS.
HIS NAME WAS MARK CHRIST-OPHER,

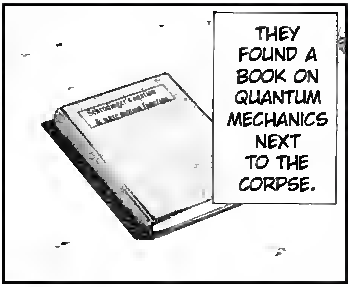

IT WAS A HOBBY OF HIS.
A HOT AIR BALL-OON.

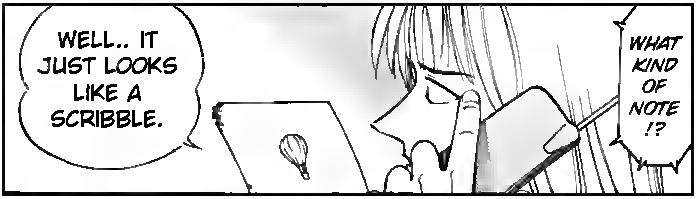

FELL!? IN A DESERT? WHERE DID HE FALL FROM?
HE FELL TO HIS DEATH.

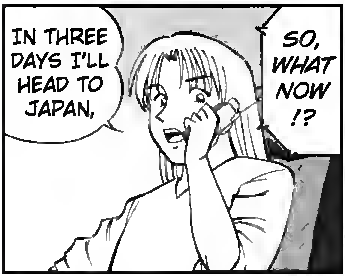

ACCORDING TO THE AUTOPSY, HE'D BEEN DEAD FOR THREE WEEKS.

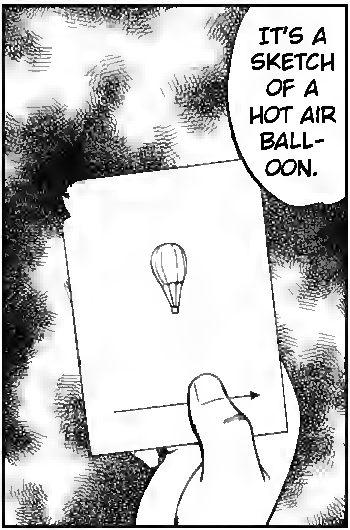
BASED ON THE POLICE INVESTIG-ATION, IT SEEMS THE BALLOON'S COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDER WAS FILLED WITH A HIGHLY COMBUST-IBLE HYDROGEN-LIKE GAS.
IT EXPLODED AT A HIGH ALTITUDE AND HE CRASHED.

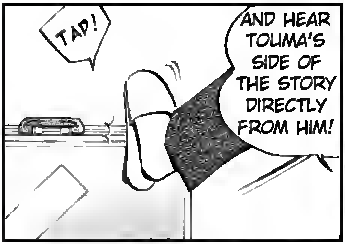

INSIDE THE BOOK, THERE WAS A NOTE.


THEY FOUND A BOOK ON QUANTUM MECHANICS NEXT TO THE CORPSE.


WELL.. IT JUST LOOKS LIKE A SCRIBBLE.
WHAT KIND OF NOTE !?


IN THREE DAYS I'LL HEAD TO JAPAN,
SO, WHAT NOW !?


IT'S A SKETCH OF A HOT AIR BALL-OON.


TAP!
AND HEAR TOUMA'S SIDE OF THE STORY DIRECTLY FROM HIM!

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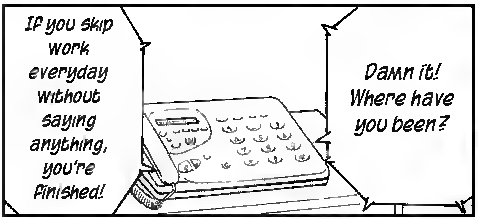
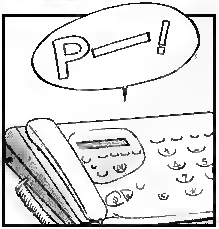
SPANISH


If you skip work everyday without saying anything, you're finished!
Damn it! Where have you been?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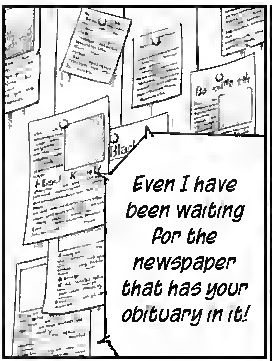
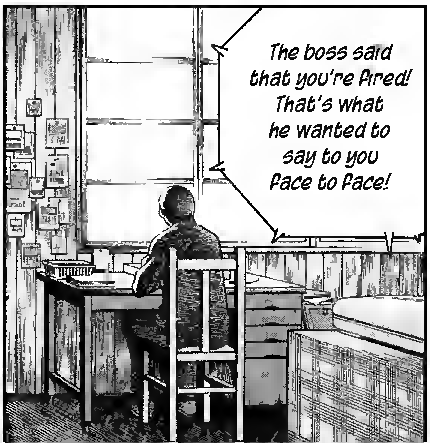
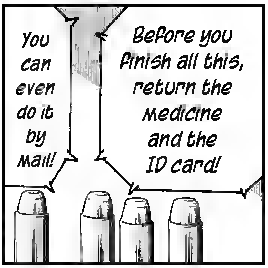
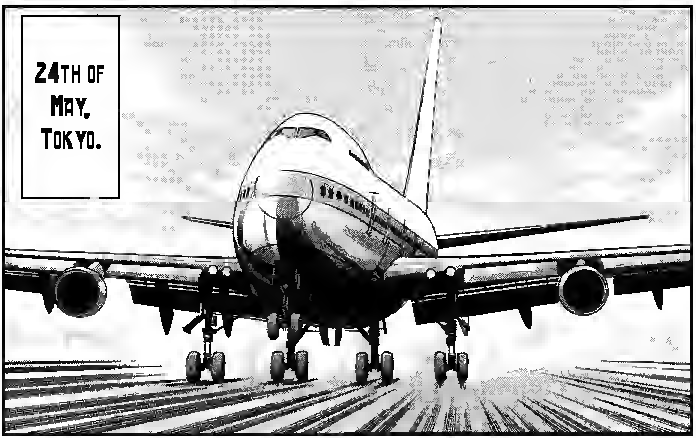

Even I have been waiting for the newspaper that has your obituary in it!


The boss said that you're fired! That's what he wanted to say to you face to face!

Just one person left.


You can even do it by mail!
Before you finish all this, return the medicine and the ID card!

CLICK
I don't want to see your face ever again!


24TH OF MAY, TOKYO.

HOW IS IT? IS THIS SYMBOL OF DEATH ALSO RELATED TO SOMETHING?

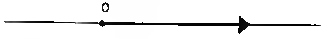
MAYBE THE SYMBOL OF $i$.
WHAT IS THE SYMBOL OF $i$?
THAT'S RIGHT.
ON THAT NUMBER LINE ARE THE REAL NUMBERS. AS SUCH, IT'S CALLED THE REAL NUMBER LINE.
TO ILLUSTRATE, 1 AND 2, 100 AND 1000... AS WELL AS ½ AND $\pi$ CAN BE MARKED ON A STRAIGHT LINE WITH ORDERING.
−2 −1 0 1 2 3 4 5 ∞
$\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\sqrt{2}$ $e$ $\pi$
(real number line)

AND THEN, HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF GETTING A RESULT THAT IS SMALLER THAN ZERO, WHEN A NUMBER IS MULTIPLIED WITH ITSELF?

$0 \times 0 = 0$
$1 \times 1 = 1$
$-2 \times -2 = 4$
$\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{9}$
$\pi \times \pi = 9.86960 \cdots$

SO, IF ANY REAL NUMBER IS MULTIPLIED WITH ITSELF, THE RESULT WILL ALWAYS BE ZERO OR GREATER.

All results are at least zero.




$i$ ORIGINATES FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF THAT 'IMAGINARY NUMBER',

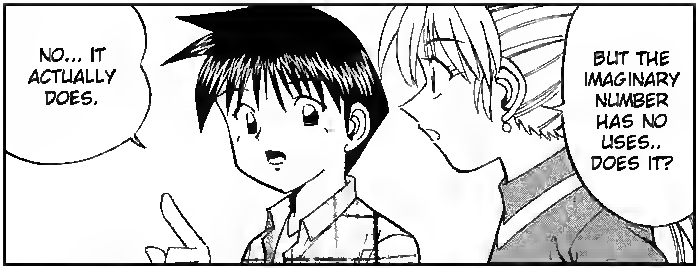
$i$

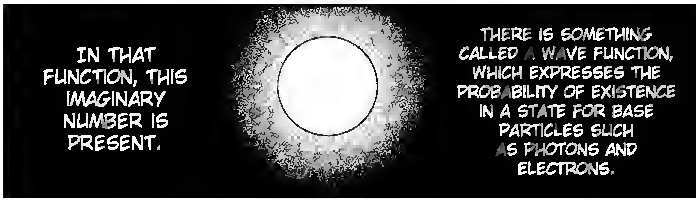
$i$ IS THE SYMBOL THAT RESULTS FROM THAT QUESTION.

$$i \times i = -1$$

which means $\sqrt{-2}$ and $\sqrt{-3}$ are $\sqrt{2}i$ and $\sqrt{3}i$,
the same as $\sqrt{-2} \times \sqrt{-2} = \sqrt{2}i \times \sqrt{2}i = 2 \times -1 = -2$

$i$ CAN BE WRITTEN AS $\sqrt{-1}$ SO WHEN $i$ IS MULTIPLIED WITH $i$, THE RESULT IS -1.


NO... IT ACTUALLY DOES.
BUT THE IMAGINARY NUMBER HAS NO USES.. DOES IT?


IN THAT FUNCTION, THIS IMAGINARY NUMBER IS PRESENT.
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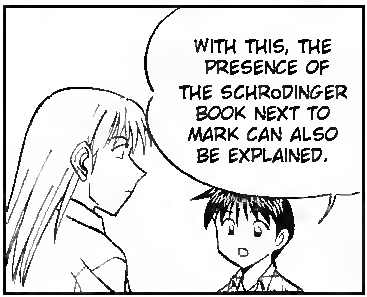
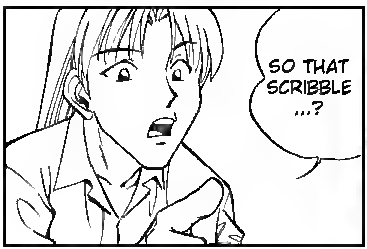

WITH THIS, THE PRESENCE OF THE SCHRODINGER BOOK NEXT TO MARK CAN ALSO BE EXPLAINED.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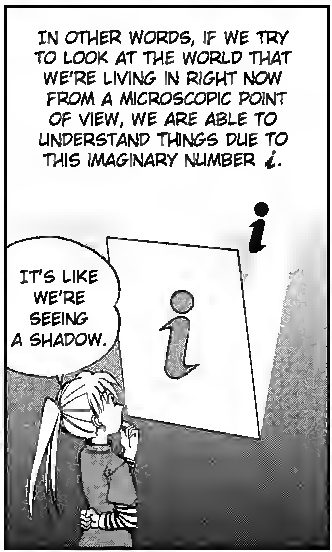
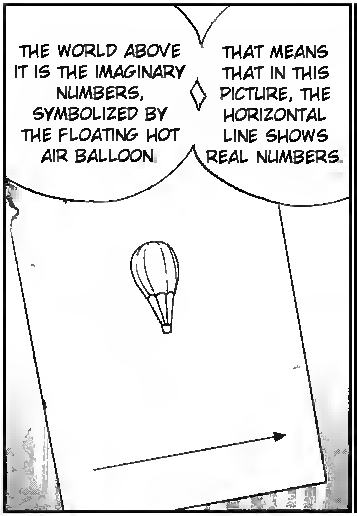
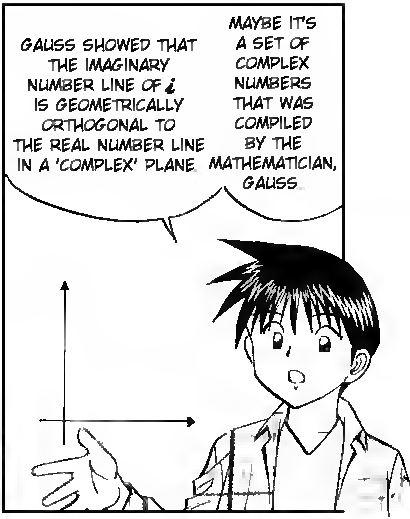
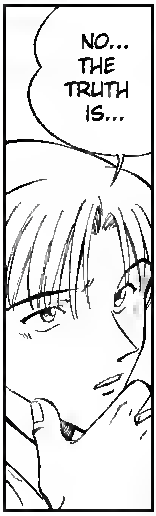
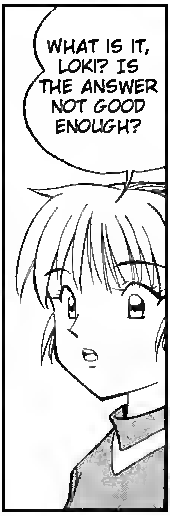
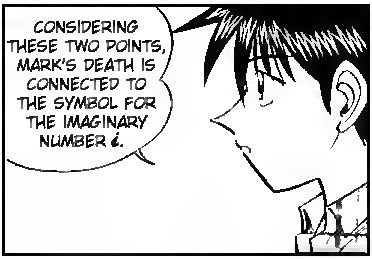

IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE TRY TO LOOK AT THE WORLD THAT WE'RE LIVING IN RIGHT NOW FROM A MICROSCOPIC POINT OF VIEW, WE ARE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THINGS DUE TO THIS IMAGINARY NUMBER i.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE SEEING A SHADOW.
i
i

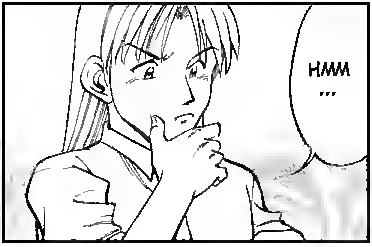

THE WORLD ABOVE IT IS THE IMAGINARY NUMBERS, SYMBOLIZED BY THE FLOATING HOT AIR BALLOON.
THAT MEANS THAT IN THIS PICTURE, THE HORIZONTAL LINE SHOWS REAL NUMBERS.


GAUSS SHOWED THAT THE IMAGINARY NUMBER LINE OF $i$ IS GEOMETRICALLY ORTHOGONAL TO THE REAL NUMBER LINE IN A 'COMPLEX' PLANE.
MAYBE IT'S A SET OF COMPLEX NUMBERS THAT WAS COMPILED BY THE MATHEMATICIAN, GAUSS.


NO... THE TRUTH IS...


WHAT IS IT, LOKI? IS THE ANSWER NOT GOOD ENOUGH?


CONSIDERING THESE TWO POINTS, MARK'S DEATH IS CONNECTED TO THE SYMBOL FOR THE IMAGINARY NUMBER $i$.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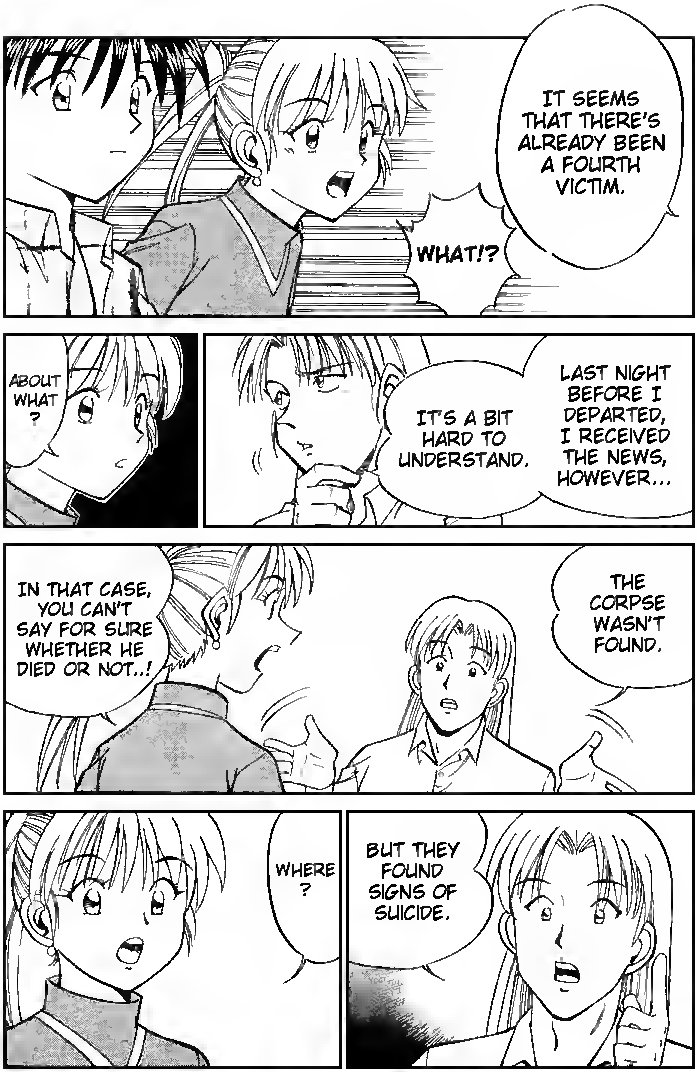
IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S ALREADY BEEN A FOURTH VICTIM.
WHAT!?
ABOUT WHAT?
IT'S A BIT HARD TO UNDERSTAND.
LAST NIGHT BEFORE I DEPARTED, I RECEIVED THE NEWS, HOWEVER...
IN THAT CASE, YOU CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHETHER HE DIED OR NOT..!
THE CORPSE WASN'T FOUND.
WHERE?
BUT THEY FOUND SIGNS OF SUICIDE.

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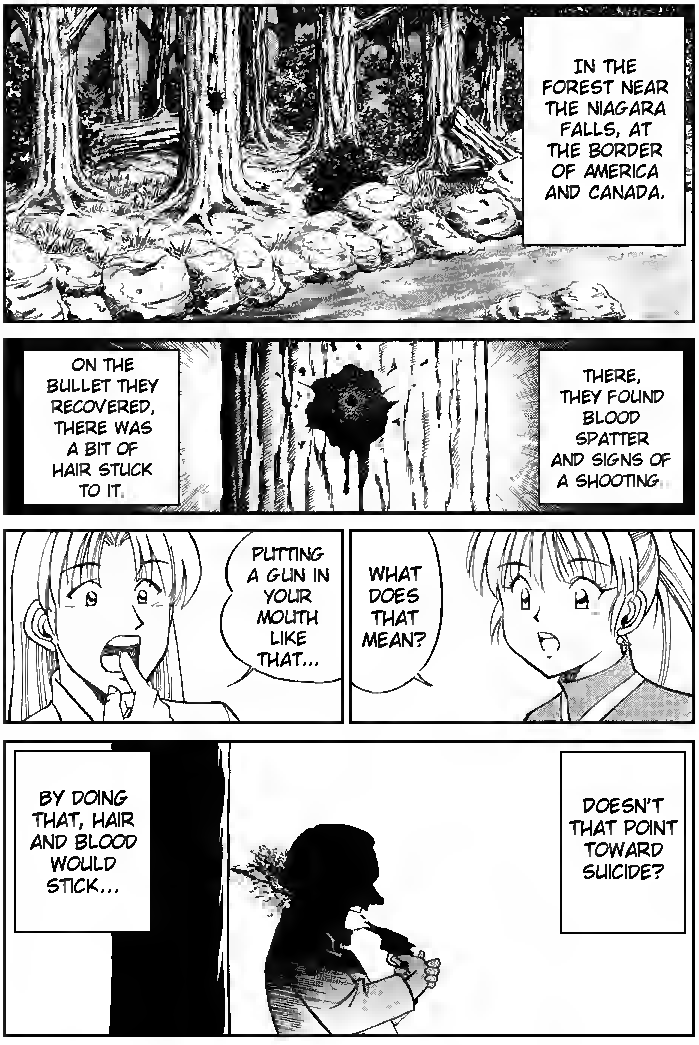
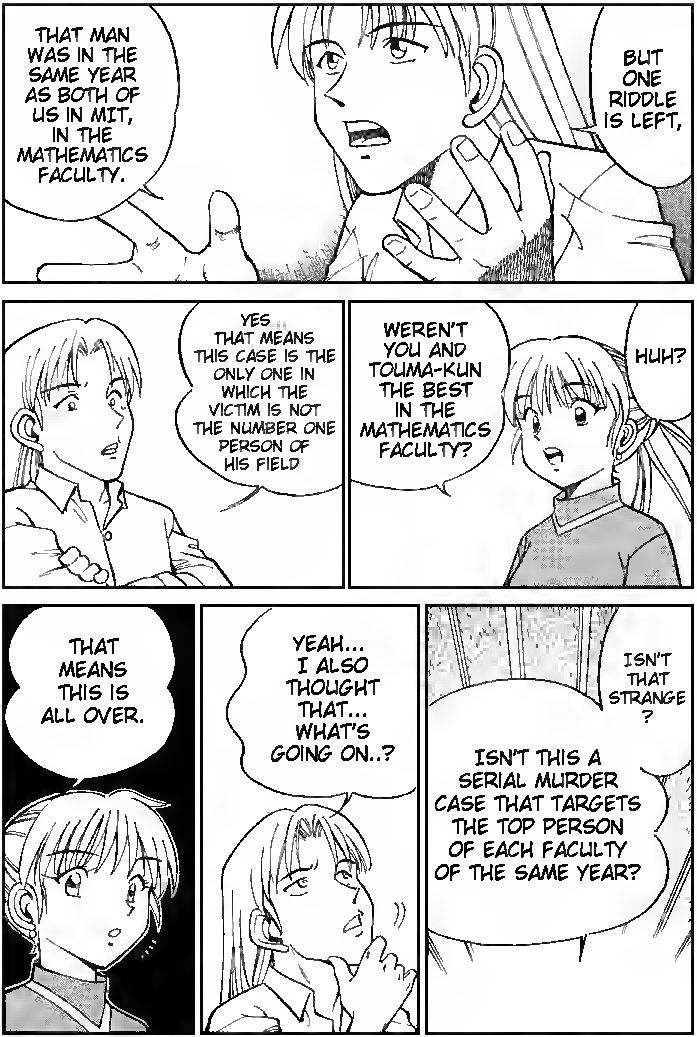
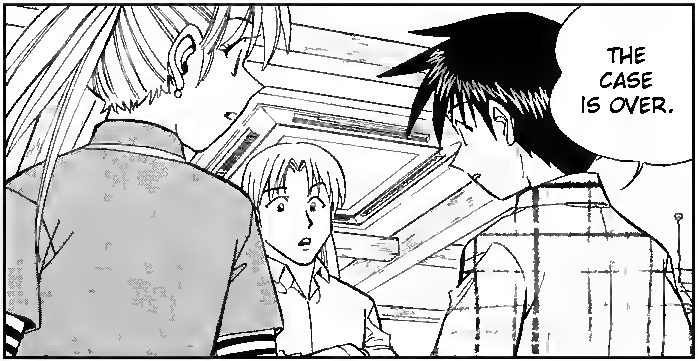
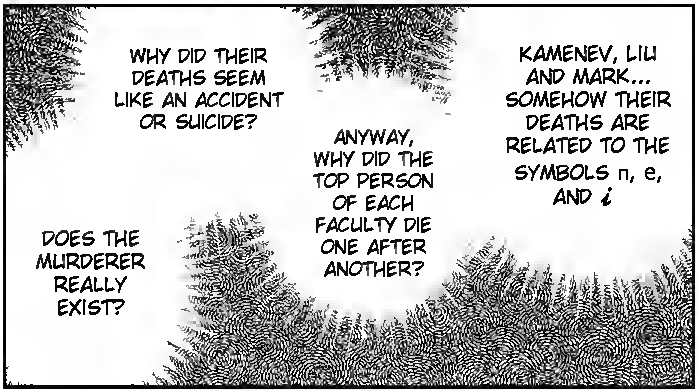
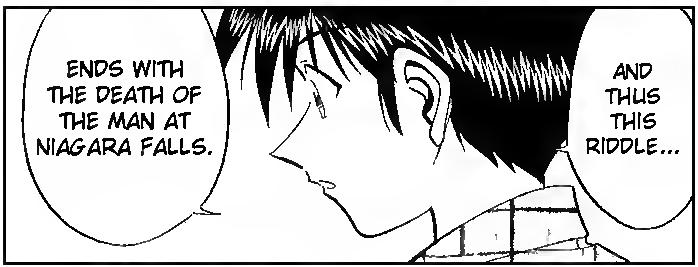

IN THE FOREST NEAR THE NIAGARA FALLS, AT THE BORDER OF AMERICA AND CANADA.
ON THE BULLET THEY RECOVERED, THERE WAS A BIT OF HAIR STUCK TO IT.
THERE, THEY FOUND BLOOD SPATTER AND SIGNS OF A SHOOTING.
PUTTING A GUN IN YOUR MOUTH LIKE THAT...
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
BY DOING THAT, HAIR AND BLOOD WOULD STICK...
DOESN'T THAT POINT TOWARD SUICIDE?

AND BE SWEPT AWAY BY THE STRONG CURRENT ...
AND THE BODY WOULD FALL INTO THE RIVER...
ALSO, IT SEEMS THAT A GUN WITH 5 REMAINING BULLETS INSIDE FELL INTO THE BUSHES.
FROM THE DROPPED GUN'S SERIAL NUMBER, WE SEEM TO HAVE DISCOVERED THE OWNER'S IDENTITY, BUT THEY DIDN'T TELL ME HIS NAME.
EH?
I DON'T KNOW.
THEN WHO IS THAT PERSON?

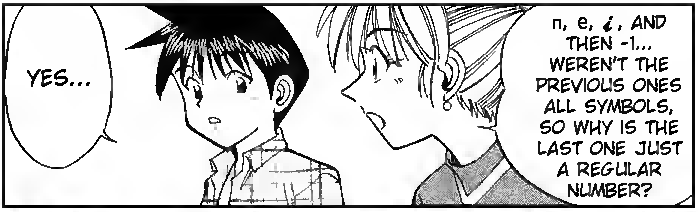

THAT MAN WAS IN THE SAME YEAR AS BOTH OF US IN MIT, IN THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY.
BUT ONE RIDDLE IS LEFT,
YES... THAT MEANS THIS CASE IS THE ONLY ONE IN WHICH THE VICTIM IS NOT THE NUMBER ONE PERSON OF HIS FIELD
WEREN'T YOU AND TOUMA-KUN THE BEST IN THE MATHEMATICS FACULTY?
HUH?
THAT MEANS THIS IS ALL OVER.
YEAH... I ALSO THOUGHT THAT... WHAT'S GOING ON..?
ISN'T THAT STRANGE?
ISN'T THIS A SERIAL MURDER CASE THAT TARGETS THE TOP PERSON OF EACH FACULTY OF THE SAME YEAR?

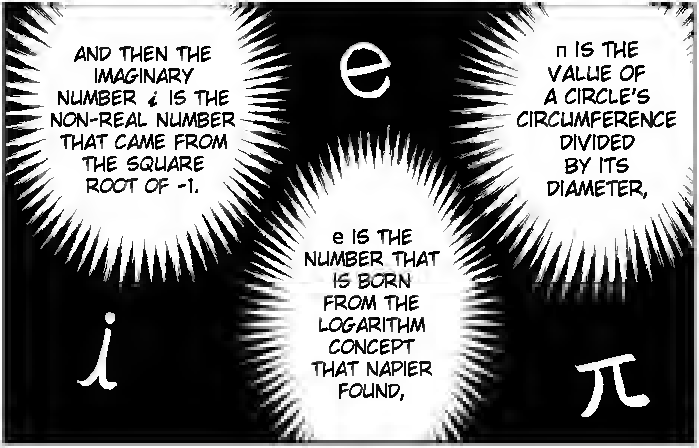

THE CASE IS OVER.

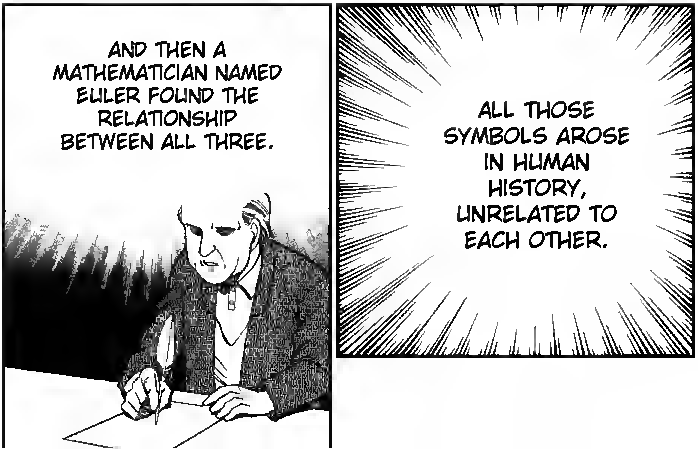

WHY DID THEIR DEATHS SEEM LIKE AN ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE?
KAMENEV, LIU AND MARK... SOMEHOW THEIR DEATHS ARE RELATED TO THE SYMBOLS π, e, AND i
ANYWAY, WHY DID THE TOP PERSON OF EACH FACULTY DIE ONE AFTER ANOTHER?
DOES THE MURDERER REALLY EXIST?


AND THUS THIS RIDDLE...
ENDS WITH THE DEATH OF THE MAN AT NIAGARA FALLS.

IT'S -1.
OI! OI! DON'T JUST TALK SO CALMLY LIKE THAT!
WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN!?
IT FITS THE GUY WHO DIED AT NIAGARA.
-1? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
IN OTHER WORDS, IT DECREASED BY ONE... OR MINUS ONE.
IF IT'S SUICIDE, THERE ARE 6 BULLETS, AND AFTER ONE SHOT, 5 BULLETS REMAIN.
THAT'S ALSO -1.
AND THEN ONE BODY IS MISSING IN NIAGARA FALLS.


YES...
π, e, i, AND THEN -1... WEREN'T THE PREVIOUS ONES ALL SYMBOLS, SO WHY IS THE LAST ONE JUST A REGULAR NUMBER?


AND THEN THE IMAGINARY NUMBER i IS THE NON-REAL NUMBER THAT CAME FROM THE SQUARE ROOT OF -1.
e
π IS THE VALUE OF A CIRCLE'S CIRCUMFERENCE DIVIDED BY ITS DIAMETER,
e IS THE NUMBER THAT IS BORN FROM THE LOGARITHM CONCEPT THAT NAPIER FOUND,
i
π


AND THEN A MATHEMATICIAN NAMED EULER FOUND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ALL THREE.
ALL THOSE SYMBOLS AROSE IN HUMAN HISTORY, UNRELATED TO EACH OTHER.

$e^{\pi i} = -1$
THIS IS EULER'S FORMULA,
IN THE HISTORY OF MATHEMATICAL STUDIES, IT IS REFERRED TO AS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF FORMULAS.
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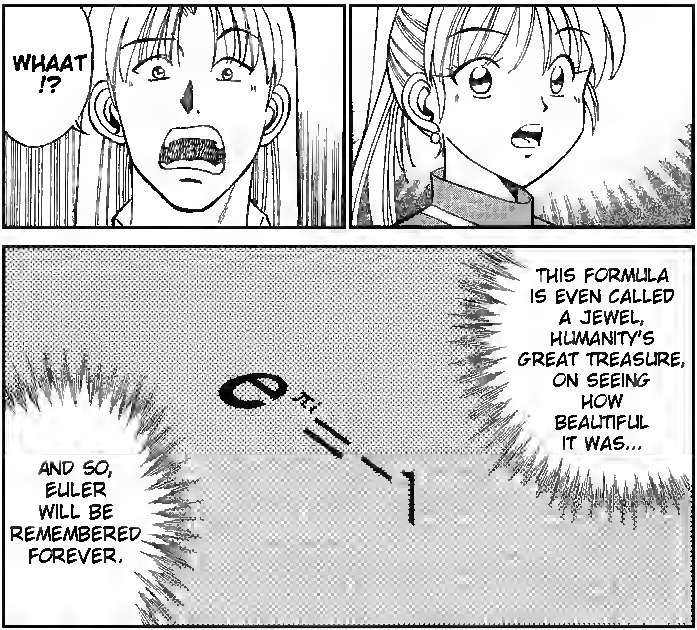
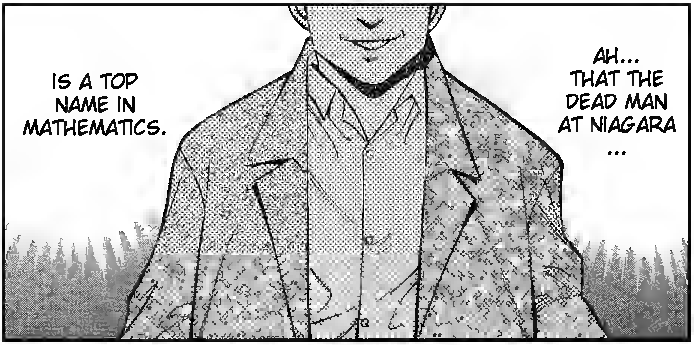
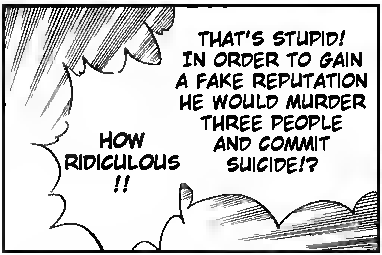
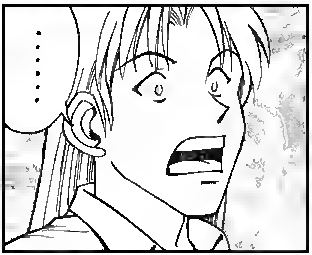
NO...
THAT MEANS IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE MURDERED HIM AND MADE IT LOOK LIKE IT WAS AN ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE!
THE MAN AT NIAGARA WAS DEAD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS FORMULA OF EULER'S.
HE REALLY DID COMMIT MURDER.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HEY! I CAN'T FOLLOW YOUR LINE OF THOUGHT!
THAT MAN AT NIAGARA ...
IS THE ONE WHO KILLED KAMENEV, LIU, AND MARK.


WHAAT !?
THIS FORMULA IS EVEN CALLED A JEWEL, HUMANITY'S GREAT TREASURE, ON SEEING HOW BEAUTIFUL IT WAS...
$e^{i\pi}=-1$
AND SO, EULER WILL BE REMEMBERED FOREVER.
TOP MIT GRADUATES IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE WERE FOUND DEAD ONE AFTER ANOTHER, INCLUDING HIM....
WHAT WOULD OTHERS THINK OF HIM?
AND THEN THAT MAN AT NIAGARA ALSO LEFT BEHIND HIS NAME.


IS A TOP NAME IN MATHEMATICS.
AH... THAT THE DEAD MAN AT NIAGARA ...


HOW RIDICULOUS !!
THAT'S STUPID! IN ORDER TO GAIN A FAKE REPUTATION HE WOULD MURDER THREE PEOPLE AND COMMIT SUICIDE!?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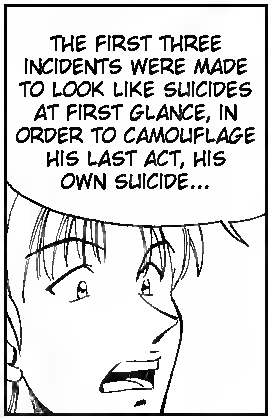
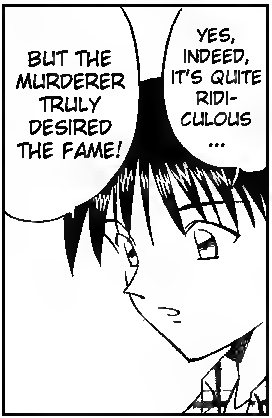
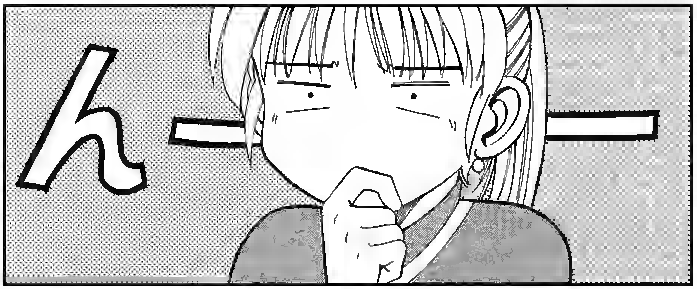

THE FIRST THREE INCIDENTS WERE MADE TO LOOK LIKE SUICIDES AT FIRST GLANCE, IN ORDER TO CAMOUFLAGE HIS LAST ACT, HIS OWN SUICIDE...


BUT THE MURDERER TRULY DESIRED THE FAME!
YES, INDEED, IT'S QUITE RIDI-CULOUS ...

IF YOU CONSIDER THE SYMBOLS USED, WHAT DO YOU THINK THE CRIMINAL WOULD BE LIKE, LOKI?
HM?
IF HE'S SOMEONE WHO THOUGHT TO USE EULER'S FORMULA,
THAT MEANS HE'S MATHE-MATICALLY PROFI-CIENT.
ISN'T THAT SO?
THAT'S WHY THE CRIMINAL IS THE MATHEMATICIAN WHO IS THE LAST ONE TO DIE.
THAT IS...
THE END OF MY DEMONS-TRATION.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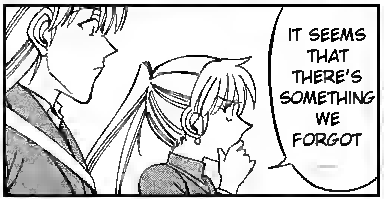
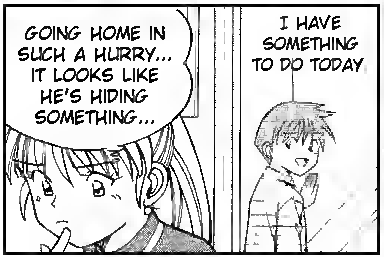
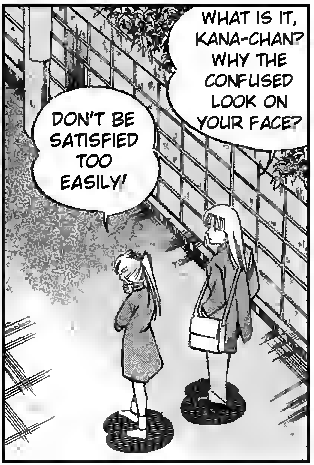
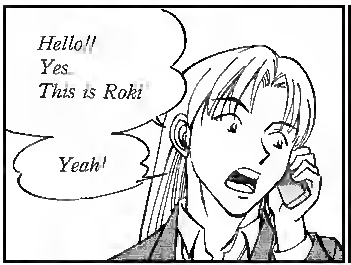
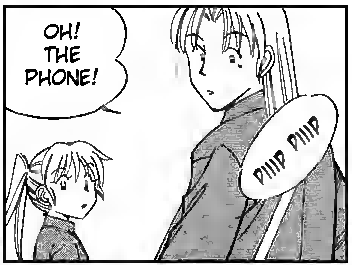

IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S SOMETHING WE FORGOT

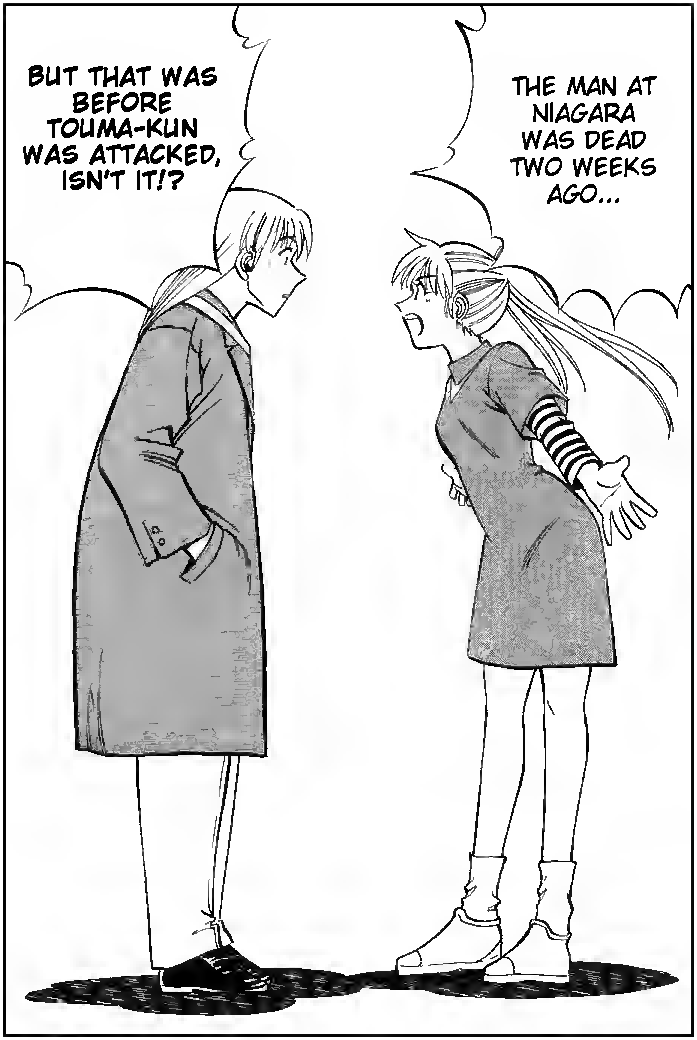

I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO TODAY
GOING HOME IN SUCH A HURRY... IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S HIDING SOMETHING...

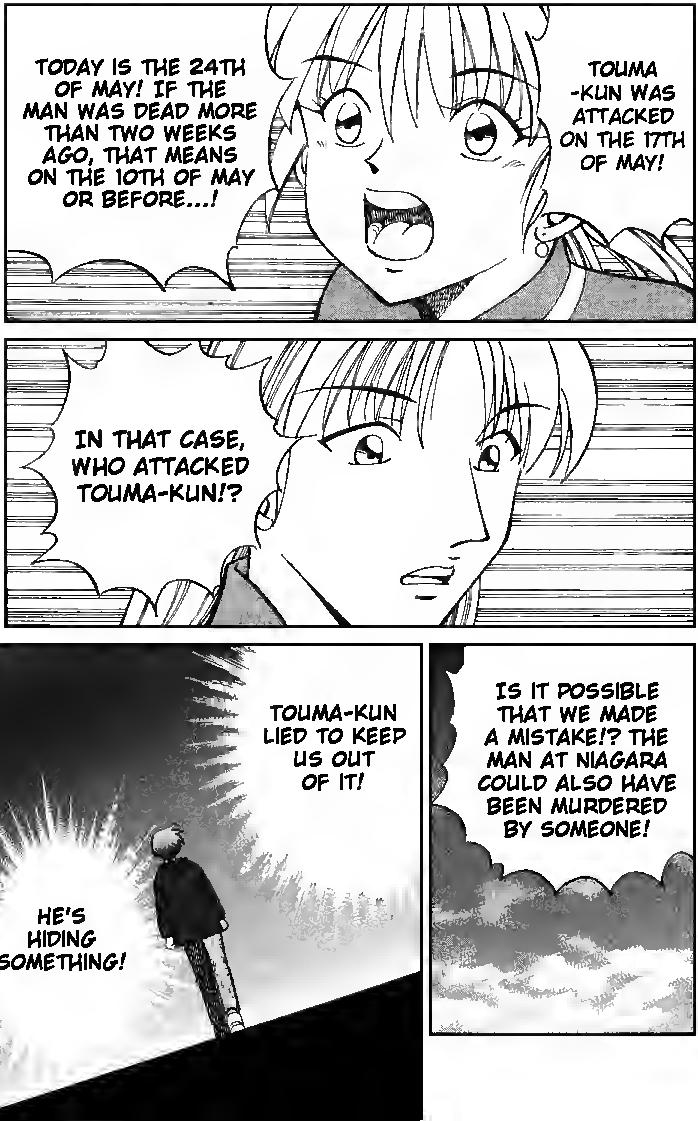

WHAT IS IT, KANA-CHAN? WHY THE CONFUSED LOOK ON YOUR FACE?
DON'T BE SATISFIED TOO EASILY!


Hello!! Yes. This is Roki
Yeah!


OH! THE PHONE!
PIIIP PIIIP

THE MAN AT NIAGARA IS ASSUMED TO HAVE COMMITED SUICIDE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO.
ACCORDING TO THAT DUMB CIA AGENT,
HMM!
WHAT IS IT?
Oh! realy? thank you!
HM ...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP ! TAKE CARE!
I'LL BE GOING TO THE HOTEL FIRST, AND I'LL GO BACK HOME TO AMERICA TOMORROW.
WHY DOES THAT SOUND SO STRANGE!?
WAIT A MINUTE!

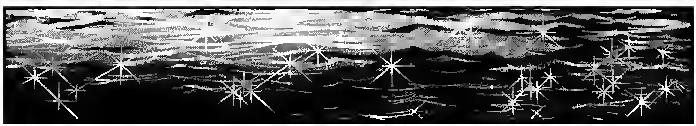

THE MAN AT NIAGARA WAS DEAD TWO WEEKS AGO...
BUT THAT WAS BEFORE TOUMA-KUN WAS ATTACKED, ISN'T IT!?

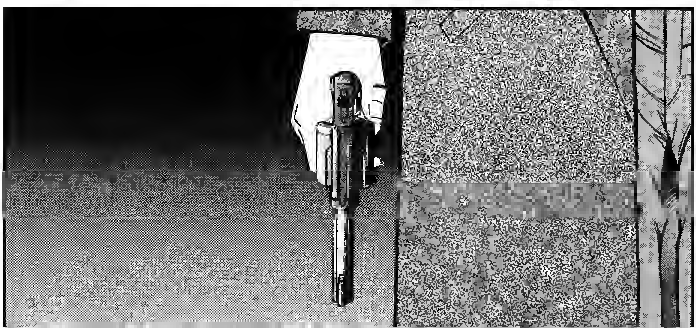

TODAY IS THE 24TH OF MAY! IF THE MAN WAS DEAD MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT MEANS ON THE 10TH OF MAY OR BEFORE...!
TOUMA -KUN WAS ATTACKED ON THE 17TH OF MAY!
IN THAT CASE, WHO ATTACKED TOUMA-KUN!?
TOUMA-KUN LIED TO KEEP US OUT OF IT!
HE'S HIDING SOMETHING!
IS IT POSSIBLE THAT WE MADE A MISTAKE!? THE MAN AT NIAGARA COULD ALSO HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY SOMEONE!

TOUMA-KUN IS IN DANGER!!
GO WHERE!? DO YOU KNOW HIS WHERE-ABOUTS?
WE HAVE TO GO TO WHERE HE IS! MAYBE HE'S BEEN KILLED!
HEY! HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO!?
IT'S FINE, SO CALM DOWN!!

AAAH !?
AH... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! RIGHT NOW, THE POLICE THINK OF HIM AS A LIAR! THEY WON'T BELIEVE HIM!
OH YES! YES!
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO CALL THE POLICE.
.....
UM ...
THIS IS BAD... I WONDER WHERE HE COULD POSSIBLY GO?
DO YOU REMEM-BER SOME-THING?
OH YES!
!!
AT THAT TIME... I WONDER WHY HE WAS THERE?

IN SUMIDA-GAWA!



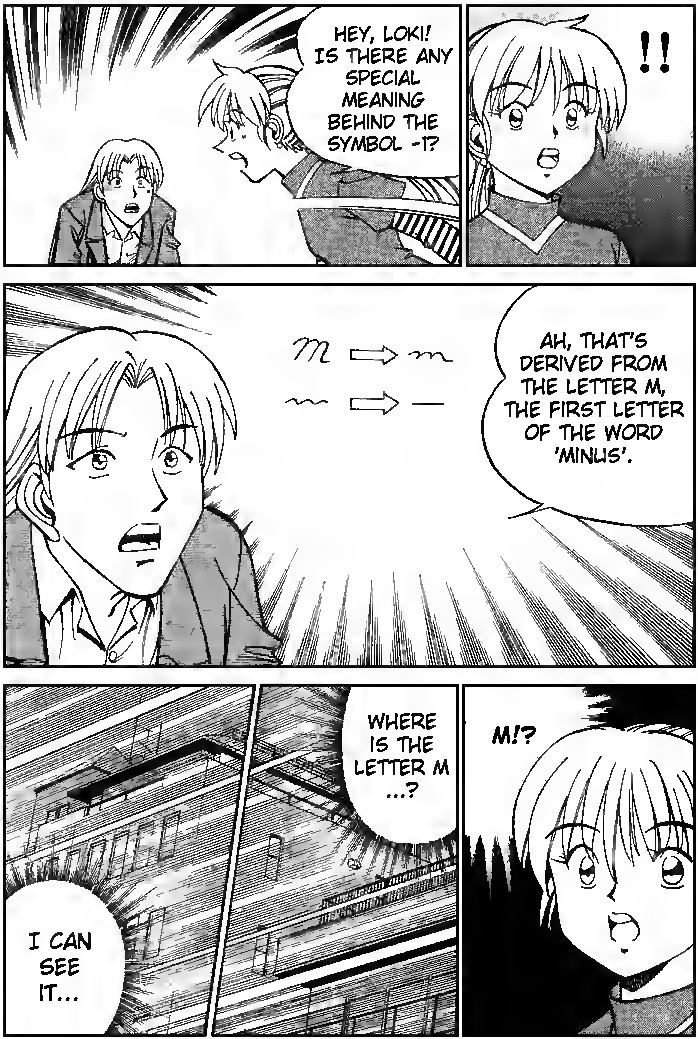


YOU FINALLY CAME.
HOW PATHETIC,
THAT I CANNOT DIE JUST YET...

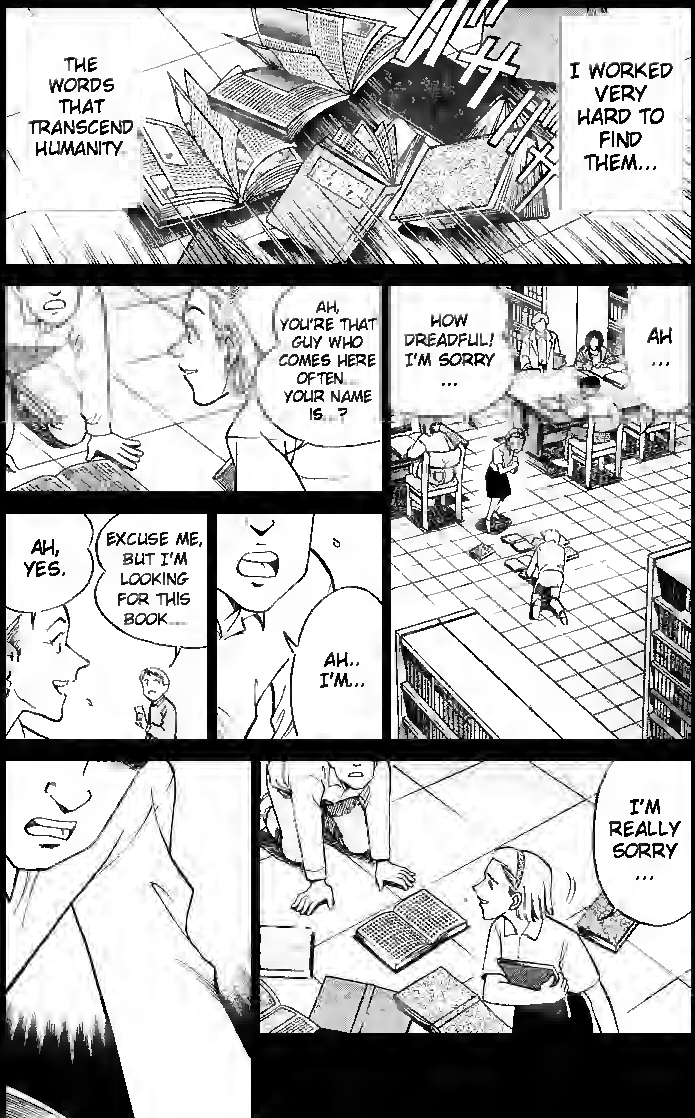
IT'S TRUE THAT I'M NOT AT THE SAME LEVEL AS KAMENEV, LIU, AND MARK...
I AM INDEED NOT ONE OF THE CHOSEN.
MY GOAL IS ...
TO MAKE PEOPLE REMEMBER YOUR NAME.

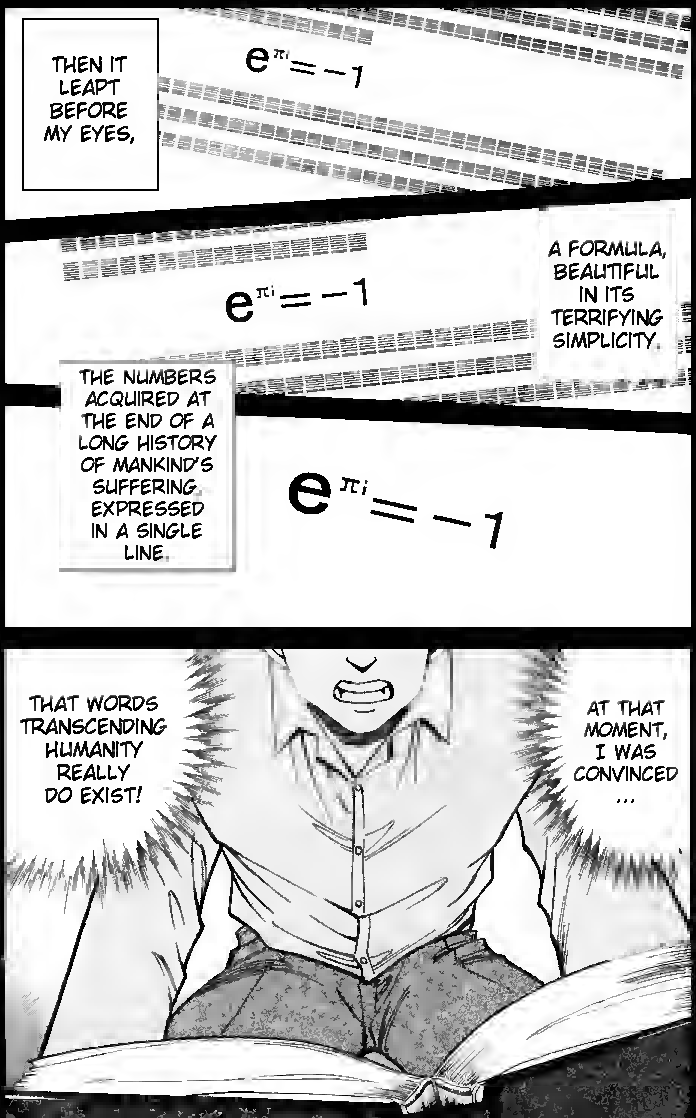
HAH
HAH
HAH
BUT BACK THEN HE WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS DOWN HERE!
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING, KANA-CHAN?
TOUMA ISN'T HERE!
WAIT A MINUTE!
HAH
HAH
LET'S TRY GOING OVER THERE!
IS THIS REALLY THE PLACE ?
WE BETTER THINK THIS THROUGH FIRST BEFORE WE ACT!

LISTEN! THE CULPRIT COMMITED MURDERS IN A PATTERN FOLLOWING EULER'S FORMULA.
WELL, I'M NOT COMPLETELY SURE... BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER IDEAS.
IF WE FOLLOW THAT, TOUMA IS FACING A THREAT AT AT PLACE THAT RELATES TO -1.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A PLACE LIKE THAT ...
-1!? WHERE IS IT?
-1!?
-1!?
WHERE!?


HEY, LOKI! IS THERE ANY SPECIAL MEANING BEHIND THE SYMBOL -1?
!!
AH, THAT'S DERIVED FROM THE LETTER M, THE FIRST LETTER OF THE WORD 'MINUS'.
WHERE IS THE LETTER M ...?
M!?
I CAN SEE IT...

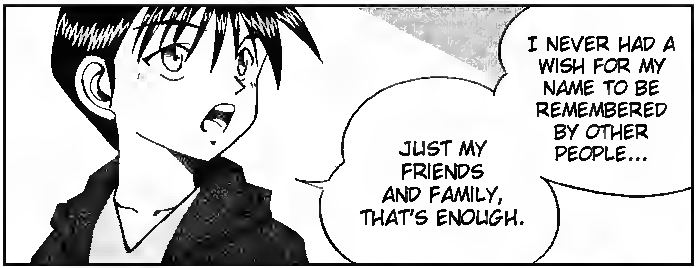
KYOSU BRIDGE!!
WHICH MEANS ...
BUT SEEING IT FROM HERE, IT LOOKS LIKE 1 M
THE LIGHTS OF THE NEXT BUILDING ARE ON IN A VERTICAL LINE!
THE MURDERER MUST BE THE ONE WHO DID THIS!
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF KYOSU BRIDGE!!

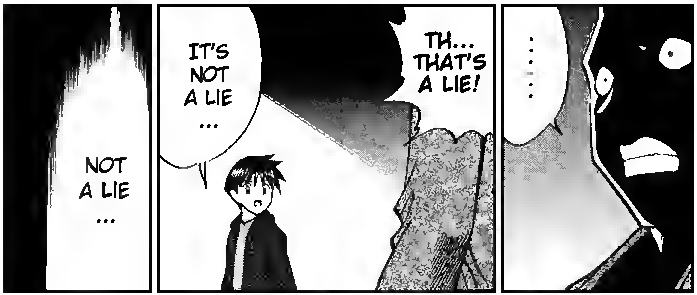

THE WORDS THAT TRANSCEND HUMANITY
I WORKED VERY HARD TO FIND THEM...
AH, YOU'RE THAT GUY WHO COMES HERE OFTEN... YOUR NAME IS...?
HOW DREADFUL! I'M SORRY ...
AH ...
AH, YES.
EXCUSE ME, BUT I'M LOOKING FOR THIS BOOK...
AH.. I'M...
I'M REALLY SORRY ...

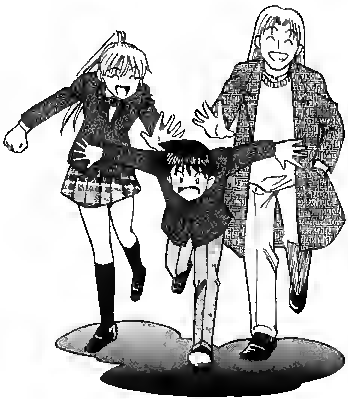

THEN IT LEAPT BEFORE MY EYES,
$e^{\pi i} = -1$
$e^{\pi i} = -1$
A FORMULA, BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TERRIFYING SIMPLICITY.
THE NUMBERS ACQUIRED AT THE END OF A LONG HISTORY OF MANKIND'S SUFFERING, EXPRESSED IN A SINGLE LINE.
$e^{\pi i} = -1$
THAT WORDS TRANSCENDING HUMANITY REALLY DO EXIST!
AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS CONVINCED ...

I HAD TO PROCLAIM IT TO THE MASSES!
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD EVER REPLACE YOU.
I REALIZED IT WHEN I FAILED TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
BUT I WAS WRONG! AFTER SOME INTRO-SPECTION ...
I WANTED TO HAVE LEFT AN EVERLASTING NAME ...
AND FOR DOING SO ...
THE ONE UNDER THE RAY OF LIGHT IS YOU...

I'M FULFILLING MY DUTY ...
BACK THEN, I LOST BECAUSE THE BRIDGE'S LIGHTING WAS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. BUT THIS TIME I WILL DEFINITELY SUCCEED!
AND THEN YOU CAME HERE... IN ACCORDANCE TO MY LETTER, RIGHT?
LEAVING MY EVERLASTING NAME FOR YOU.
HUMANS ARE JUST HUMAN! THEY CAN NEVER BECOME GOD!
DON'T DELUDE YOURSELF!

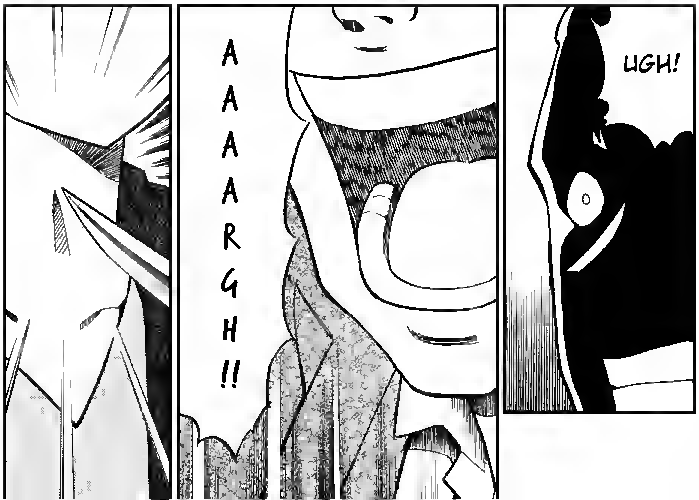


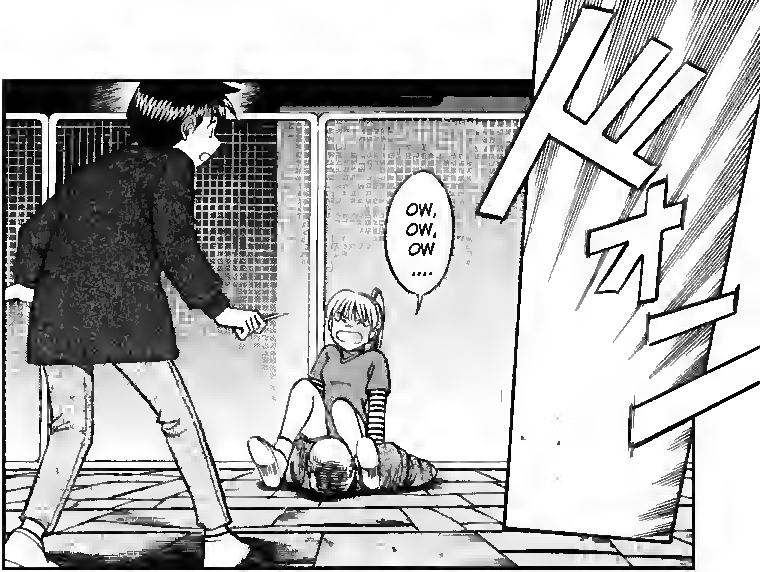
IT'S THE TRUTH...

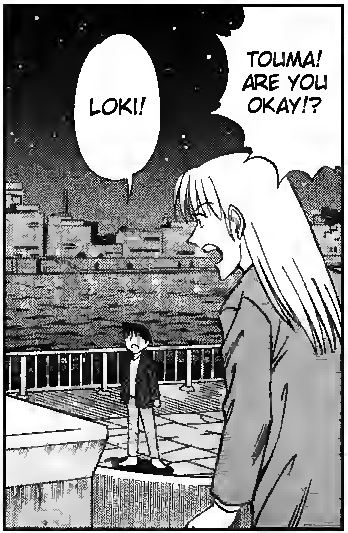
PEOPLE CAN'T SAY YOUR NAME, BECAUSE YOU YOURSELF COULDN'T SAY IT!
THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT THE WORD OF GOD!

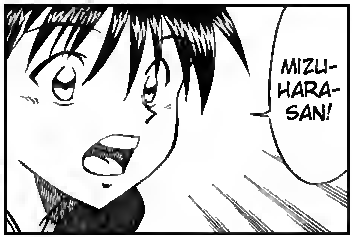

UGH!
AAAAARGH!!

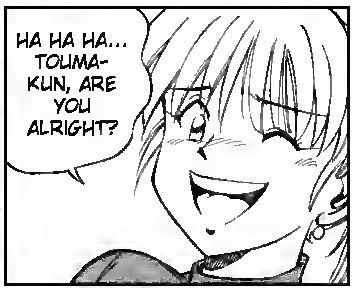
!!
MY LIFE IS MY OWN!
AND SO IS MY NAME!
.....
UGH ...

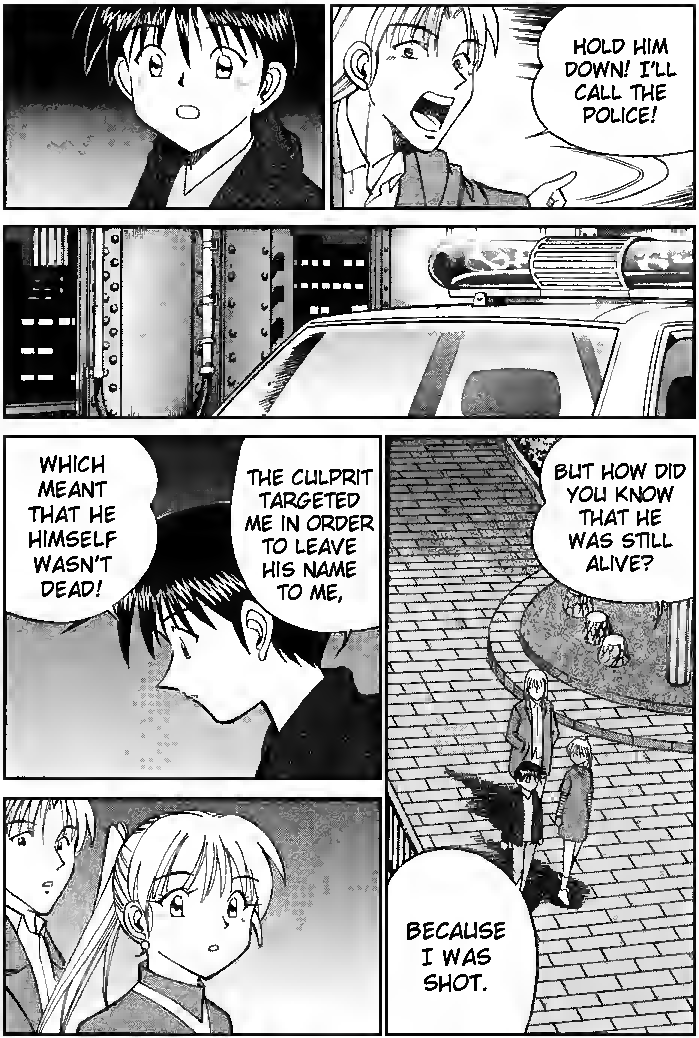
TOUMAAA-
KUN!
WAATCH
OUUT!!


OW, OW, OW ....


LOKI!
TOUMA! ARE YOU OKAY!?


MIZU-HARA-SAN!


HA HA HA... TOUMA-KUN, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


HOLD HIM DOWN! I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT HE WAS STILL ALIVE?
BECAUSE I WAS SHOT.
THE CULPRIT TARGETED ME IN ORDER TO LEAVE HIS NAME TO ME,
WHICH MEANT THAT HE HIMSELF WASN'T DEAD!

GET IN!
TOUMA-KUN... IT'S ENOUGH IF IT'S JUST YOU WHO REMEMBERED MY NAME...
MY NAME ...
MY NAME IS...

*quod erat demonstrandum*

証明終了

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@TeamNave

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**1) vector:** In molecular biology, a vector is a DNA molecule used as a vehicle to transfer foreign genetic material into another cell.

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Kana says "かわいい子には旅が似合う". The actual saying is "かわいい子には旅をさせよ" (kawaii ko niha tabi wo saseyo; lit. "dear child should be made to travel"). Often erroneously likened to the English proverb "Spare the rod and spoil the child" (possibly due to the positive associations of traveling), the actual meaning is the complete opposite. It's about making a child travel on their own to experience how tough the world really is in order to have them grow out of their childlike delusions and make them more mature.

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2) A human genome is the entirety of a human's hereditary information, encoded in their DNA. **http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Human_Genome_Project**
**http://www.ornl.gov/hgmis/home.shtml**

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**More specifically, A-Ma is the guardian deity of sailors and fishermen.
**Concerning the name of Macao, it is said that when the Portuguese landed on the coast of peninsula and asked for the name of the place, the locals answered with the name of the temple (Maa1 Gok3) which made the Portuguese name it "Macao" (similar prounuciation):
**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A-Ma_Temple**

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**Cryopreservation:** When cells or whole tissues are preserved by cooling to sub-zero temperatures.

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryopreservation**

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William Oughtred's slide rule:
http://inventors.about.com/od/sstartinventions/a/Slide_Ruler.htm

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**3) Piphilology:** The creation and use of mnemonic techniques to remember a span of digits of the mathematical constant π is called piphilology. There are even poems and sonnets for more digits.
**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Piphilology**

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**Russian:** Cyrillic is widely used for many Slavic languages, including Russian.
**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_the_Russian_language**
Cyrillic alphabet: **http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyrillic**
**Uncial:** This is the Greek script that Cyrillic is based on:
**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Uncial**

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Actually, the concept of the constant e was first explicitly thought of by Jacob Bernoulli when he was studying a question about compound interest (in actual calculations using logarithms he is preceded by Napier). However, Euler was the first to use the letter e to symbolize it in 1727, working with it extensively and it eventually became the standard. Euler's number e is not to be confused with Euler's constant γ (yet another important mathematical construct named after Euler).

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The natural logarithm function that maps the positive reals to the reals is defined for a variable x as the integral over [1,x] of 1/t (where t is a dummy variable of integration)

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_logarithm**

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**Sine and cosine:** Although Euler is not the first person ta conceive the sine and cosine, they are vital in Euler's formula (a mathematical formula in complex analysis that demonstrates the deep relationship between the trigonometric functions and the complex exponential function). $e^{it} = \cos(t) + i.\sin(t)$, putting $t=\pi$ gives the beautiful $e^{i\pi} + 1 = 0$ which connects e and π.

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euler's_formula**

**Sigma:** a Greek letter that Euler first introduced to symbolize summation.

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_mathematical_notation#Euler**

**William Janes:** As a mathematician, William Jones' most noted contribution is his proposal for the use of the symbol π (first letter of the Greek word perimetron (περιμετρον)) to represent the ratio of the circumference of a circle ta its diameter.

**transcendental number:** A number which is not algebraic, ie. not a solution to a non-constant polynomial equation that has rational coefficients. All real transcendental numbers are irrational, and the set of all such numbers is uncountable.

**http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transcendental_number**

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Cloning, in the biotechnological sense, is the procedure of creating genetically identical copies.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cloning

Gene therapy is the insertion of genes directly into an individual's cells and biotissue in order to treat disease.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gene_therapy

Genetic analysis is an umbrella term for methods of genetics and molecular biology. Applications include the Human Genome project.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Genetic_analysis

Each is a reality at present, though amid controversy (eg- in how far cloning can be taken and the ethics that ensue) and limitations imposed by the technologies being in their infancy (gene therapy for instance).

A ramjet engine uses a jet's own forward motion to compress incoming air.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramjet

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There are four fundamentol forces which exert themselves in elementary particle interactions, namely electromagnetism, the strong nuclear force, the weak nuclear force and gravitation as mentioned. Perturbative considerations in quantum field theory are remarkably successful at explaining the behaviour of these sove for gravity. The search for 'quantum gravity' which seeks to reconcile quantum mechanics and general relativity is perhaps the most important unsolved problem in physics today.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elementary_particle)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamental_interaction
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perturbation_theory_(quantum_mechanics)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_gravity
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theory_of_everything

If a society can depend on something like mathematical analysis, it can be called an information society, which can be loosely described as a society where information has significant economical, social and cultural implications.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Information_society

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In Japanese working culture it is not uncommon for workers in Japan stop at hostess bars or restourants to have drinks and light-hearted conversations to blow off steam before going home. 'John Doe' here implies that they would have to be reminded of Touma in order to remember him at all.

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The real number line is a line that stretches indefinitely in both directions from zero, each of its points denoting a particular real number. The real numbers include the rationals (which are integral fractions and in turn include the integers) and the irrationals. It is an example of an ordered field.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_line
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Real_number
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ordered_field

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The imaginary unit i has the property that $i^2 = -1$, the existence of numbers yielding negative squares was considered as early as the first century AD by Greek mathematician/engineer Heron of Alexandria. They appeared implicitly in the solution of the cubic equation.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cubic_function
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imaginary_number

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They give rise to complex numbers of the form x+iy, where x and y are real numbers. These can be represented as points (or position vectors) on a plane with real and imaginary axes (the coordinate being the x (real part) and y (imaginary part).

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complex_number
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complex_plane

With the work of Leonard Euler and Gauss's proof of the Fundamental theorem of algebra (that every non-constant single-variable polynomial over the complex numbers has at

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Leonard Euler (1707-1783) (name Leonard Euler (1707-1783) (name pronounced 'oiler') was a prolific mathematician and, like Gauss, was one of the greatest of all time. There is hardly a subdiscipline or application of mathematics from his day which he did not touch upon. Indeed he pioneered many fruitful lines of investigation and is more than any other responsible for modern mathematical notation. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leonhard_Euler

Carl Friedrich Gauss (1777-1855), at times referred to as Princeps mathematicorum, was a brilliant German mathematician, astronomer and scientist who made crucial contributions to diverse fields of study. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Friedrich_Gauss

Quantum mechanics is the study of atomic and subatomic particles. A wave function describes the probability of such a particle to be present in a certain area or quantum state. A wave function then is just a map from quantum states to the complex numbers, with the absolute values of those resulting complex numbers giving the probabilities of the states. i appears more explicitly in Schrödinger's equation which describes how quantum states in a physical system change with time.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wavefunction
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schrödinger_equation

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While there is no consensus, the minus sign '-' may have derived from a tilde or an 'm'.
http://3eff560.tripod.com/operation.html
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plus_and_minus_signs

Remember that this case refers to the equation $e^{i\pi} = -1$ throughout (see notes for the previous two chapters), which is where the -1 Touma is referring to comes from.

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# SERIAL JOHN DOE: PART ONE

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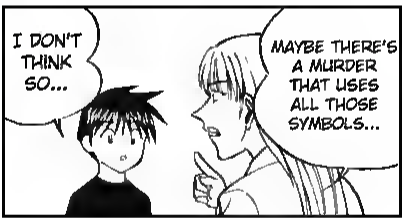
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF MURDER THAT WOULD BE... SOMETHING RELATED TO BEER AND INFINITE MATHEMATICIANS, MAYBE? OR MURDERING THE HYPOTENUSE?

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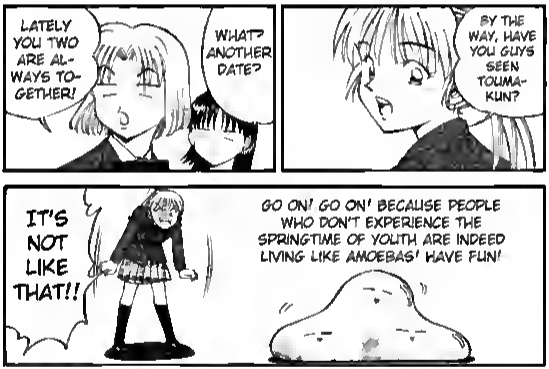
FRIENDS ALWAYS STICK TOGETHER...
EVEN AS AMOEBAS.


LATELY YOU TWO ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER!
WHAT? ANOTHER DATE?
BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU GUYS SEEN TOUMA-KUN?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!
GO ON! GO ON! BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T EXPERIENCE THE SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH ARE INDEED LIVING LIKE AMOEBAS! HAVE FUN!

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# SERIAL JOHN DOE: PART THREE

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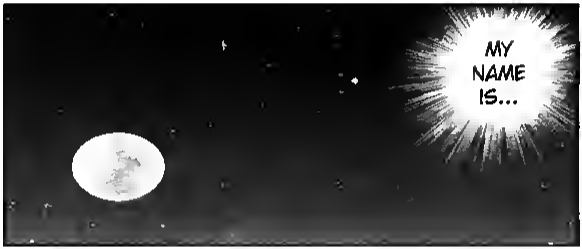


You might be thinking "Wait a minute... We never figure out this name?"

That's right, and we definitely didn't miss any pages. The mangaka intentionally didn't reveal his name... But it fits rather well with the theme of this case, doesn't it?

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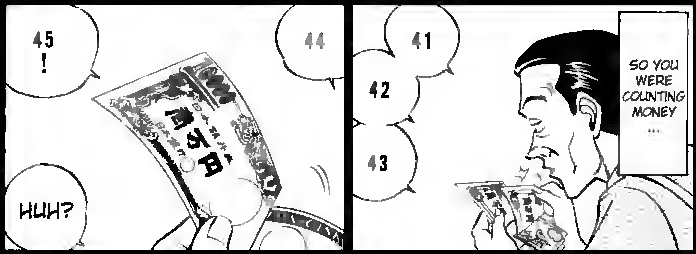
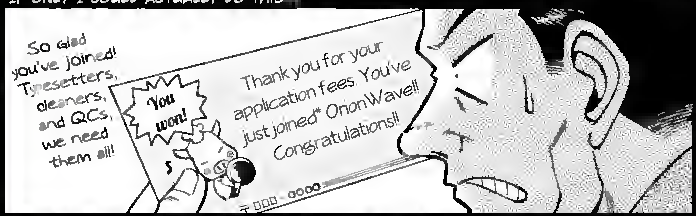


IF ONLY I COULD ACTUALLY DO THIS


So glad you've joined! Tyresetters, cleaners, and QCs, we need them all!
You won!
Thank you for your application fees! You've just joined* OrionWave!! Congratulations!!

*OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES EMAIL US AT ORIONWAVEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM

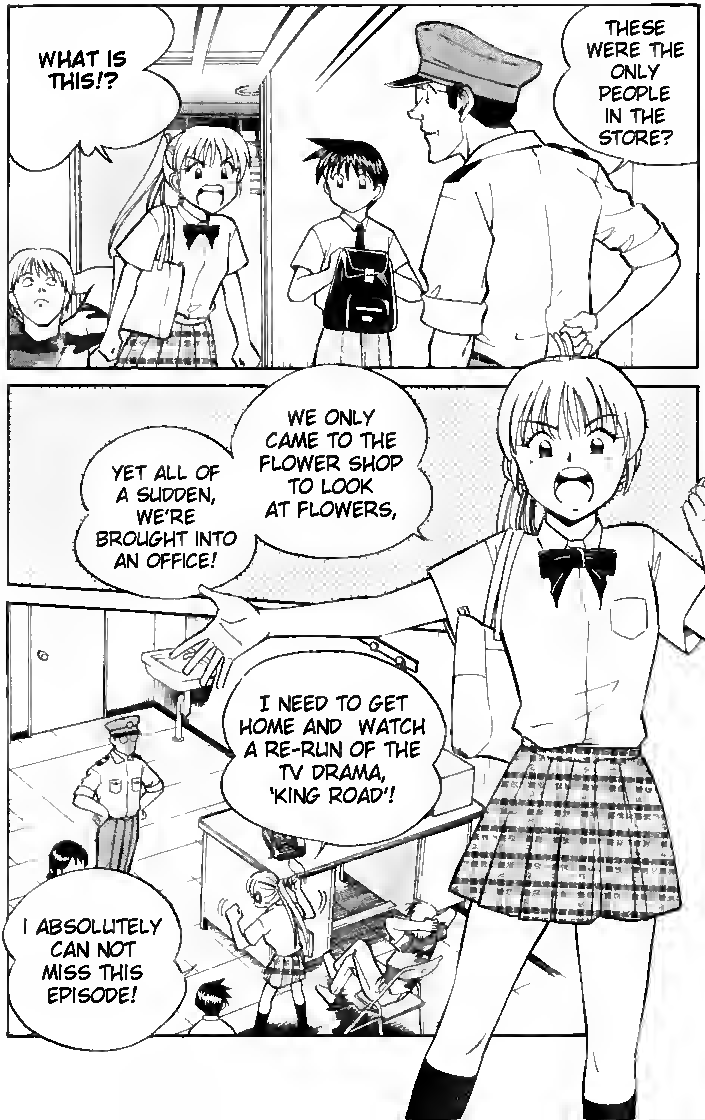
# Serial John Doe

# 出村

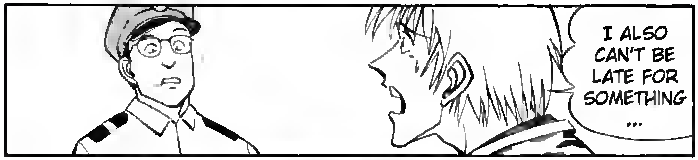
どん
GREEN
SA-
TUR-
DAY
PLEASE
COME
INSIDE...
AH...
HOW
UNLUCKY
...

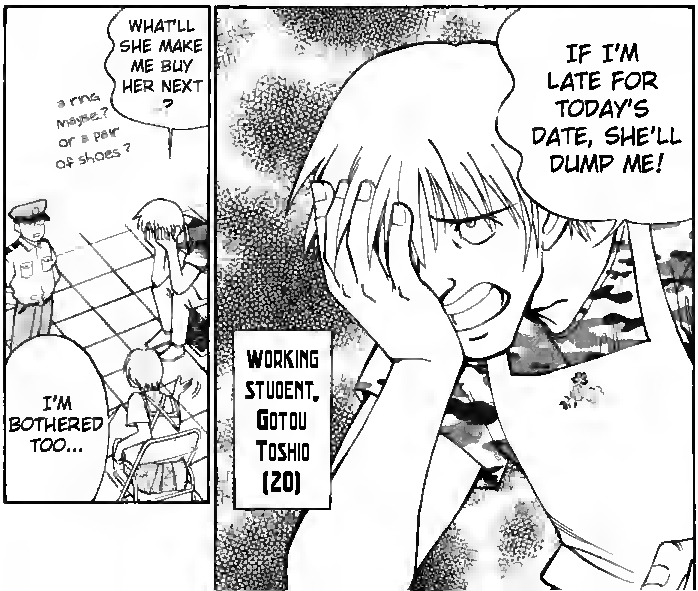
A MELANCHOLY AFTERNOON
WHY WERE THERE SUCH JINXES IN THE STORE?

ESPE-
CIALLY
THIS
BOY...
?
OVER
HERE,
YOU TWO.
IF ONLY
HE WEREN'T
HERE...!

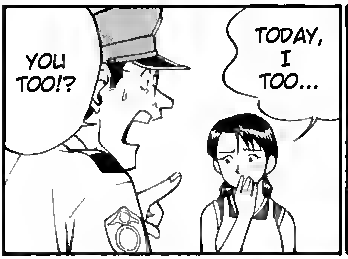

WHAT IS THIS!?
THESE WERE THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THE STORE?
WE ONLY CAME TO THE FLOWER SHOP TO LOOK AT FLOWERS,
YET ALL OF A SUDDEN, WE'RE BROUGHT INTO AN OFFICE!
I NEED TO GET HOME AND WATCH A RE-RUN OF THE TV DRAMA, 'KING ROAD'!
I ABSOLUTELY CAN NOT MISS THIS EPISODE!

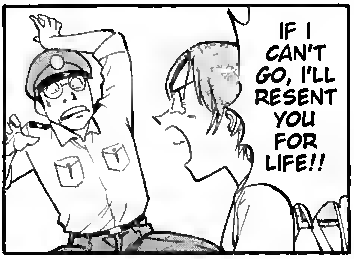
'KING ROAD'... 'OUDOU'..?
that's so cool!
THIS IS THE SCENE WHERE THE BOSS EMERGES FROM THE DARKNESS, STANDS IN FRONT OF THE WRESTLING WORLD CHAMPION, AND SAYS, "I AM YOUR FATHER!"


I ALSO CAN'T BE LATE FOR SOMETHING ...


WHAT'LL SHE MAKE ME BUY HER NEXT ?
a ring maybe..? or a pair of shoes ?
I'M BOTHERED TOO...
IF I'M LATE FOR TODAY'S DATE, SHE'LL DUMP ME!
WORKING STUDENT, GOTOU TOSHIO (20)

I HAVE TO GO WATCH MATSU-ZAKA'S BASEBALL MATCH IN SEIBU DOME!
SINCE I FINALLY GOT A SEAT NEAR THE INFIELD!!
WORKING STUDENT, WATANABE MIYUKI (16)


TODAY, I TOO...
YOU TOO!?


IF I CAN'T GO, I'LL RESENT YOU FOR LIFE!!

I NEED TO LOOK AFTER MY HUSBAND WHO'S IN THE HOSPITAL ...
FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE, OOSHIMA KEIKO (28)

TODAY'S A BAD TIME, SO HOW ABOUT WE ALL GATHER TOMORROW?
HOW ABOUT IT, SIR?
IT'S A PRINCIPLE OF MINE TO SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM QUICKLY! I'VE SAID IT A THOUSAND TIMES!
QUIET !!
Shop owner, Okuda Kousuke (52).
ANYWAY, UNTIL WE FIND THE MISSING MONEY NO ONE IS TO SET FOOT OUTSIDE THIS STORE!!

HUH!
MISSING MONEY!?
SO, SIR...
YOU SAY YOU GOT TO THE STORE AT 8:30 THIS MORNING?
YES, THEN I CLEANED UP AND OPENED THE STORE.
AND THEN AT 10 AM I WENT TO THE BANK.

A HUNDRED 10,000-YEN BILLS.
I WITHDREW SOME MONEY TO COVER OPERATIONAL COSTS, AS WELL AS TO PAY THEIR WAGES IT WAS ONE MILLION YEN IN TOTAL
I RETURNED TO THE STORE AT 10:30,
I WAS ABOUT TO PUT THE MONEY IN MY DRAWER BUT...
OH NO!
RATTLE RATTLE
THE LOCK IS BROKEN!
WHAT SHOULD I DO...
AND THEN I THOUGHT ...

THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS TO GET IN AND OUT OF THIS ROOM...
THE DOOR CONNECTING TO THE STORE AND THE WINDOW FACING A SIDE-ALLEY.
THE DOOR IS WATCHED BY THE EMPLOYEES.
AND SINCE THE WINDOW IS LOCKED AND EQUIPPED WITH AN ALARM, THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN BE OPENED.

SO THIS ROOM IS LIKE A SAFE...
N
Shop
Office
Washroom
THERE ARE NO WINDOWS IN THE TOILET ...
I THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE AT THE TIME!
HOW CARE-LESS.
SO I LEFT THE MONEY ON TOP OF THE DESK.
AT 11 AM I WENT TO DELIVER SOME GOODS...
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AFTERWARDS, I TOLD MY EMPLOYEES TO GUARD THE MONEY.

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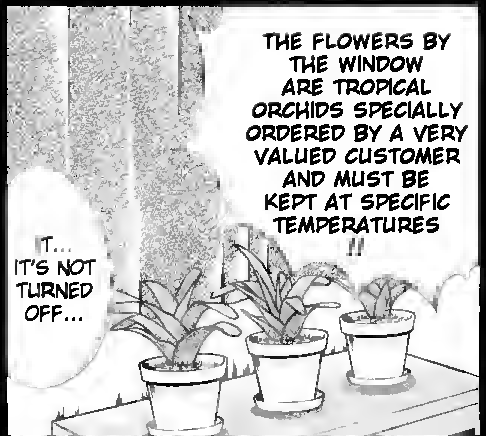
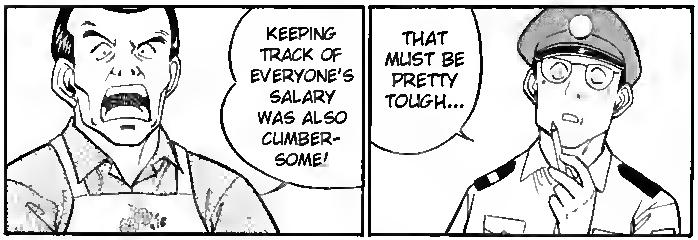

T... IT'S NOT TURNED OFF...
THE FLOWERS BY THE WINDOW ARE TROPICAL ORCHIDS SPECIALLY ORDERED BY A VERY VALUED CUSTOMER AND MUST BE KEPT AT SPECIFIC TEMPERATURES !!

I MADE JOURNAL ENTRIES FOR THE EMPLOYEES SALARIES
WHO CLOSED THE CURTAINS!?
IT WASN'T ME...
OOSHIMA-SAN, 230,000 YEN,
BANK
GOUTO-KUN, 150,000 YEN,
BANK
WATANABE-SAN, 120,000 YEN.
BANK
THEIR SALARIES TOTALED 500,000 YEN.

HER HUSBAND IS INJURED AND CAN'T WORK, SO SHE IS WORKING TO SUPPORT THE BOTH OF THEM.



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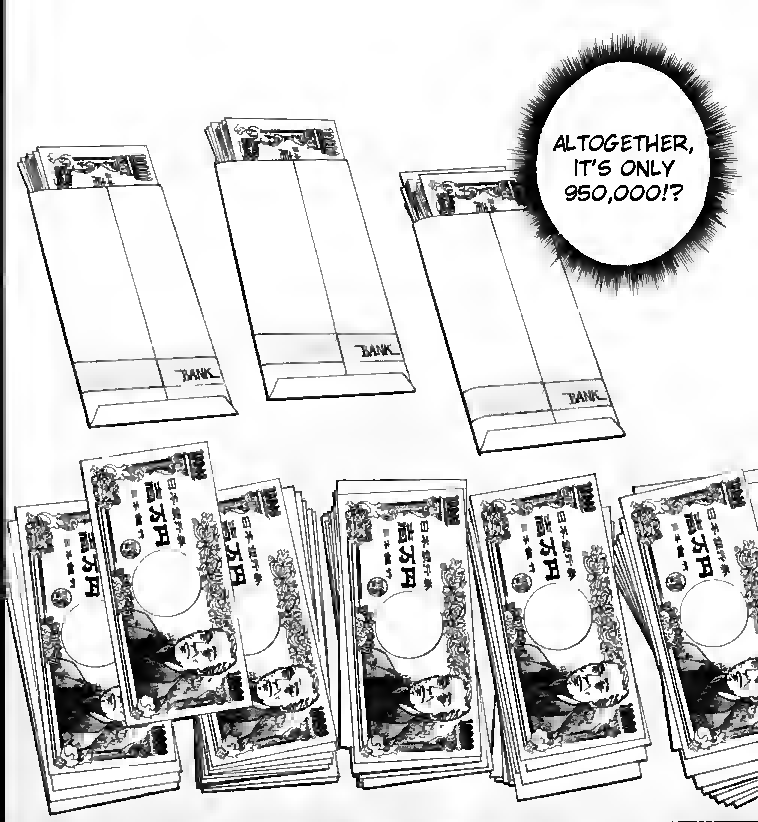
ALTOGETHER, IT'S ONLY 950,000!?
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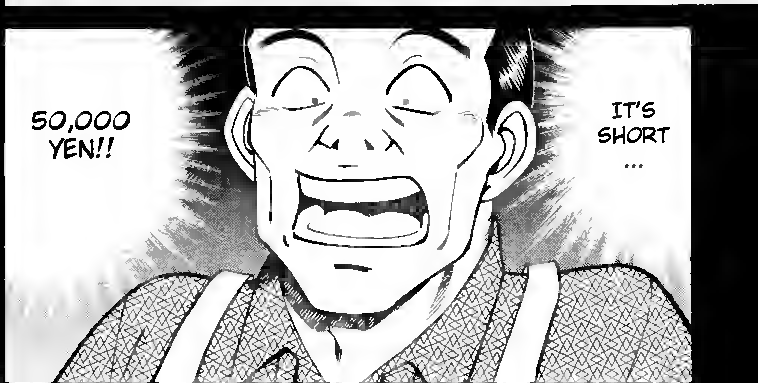
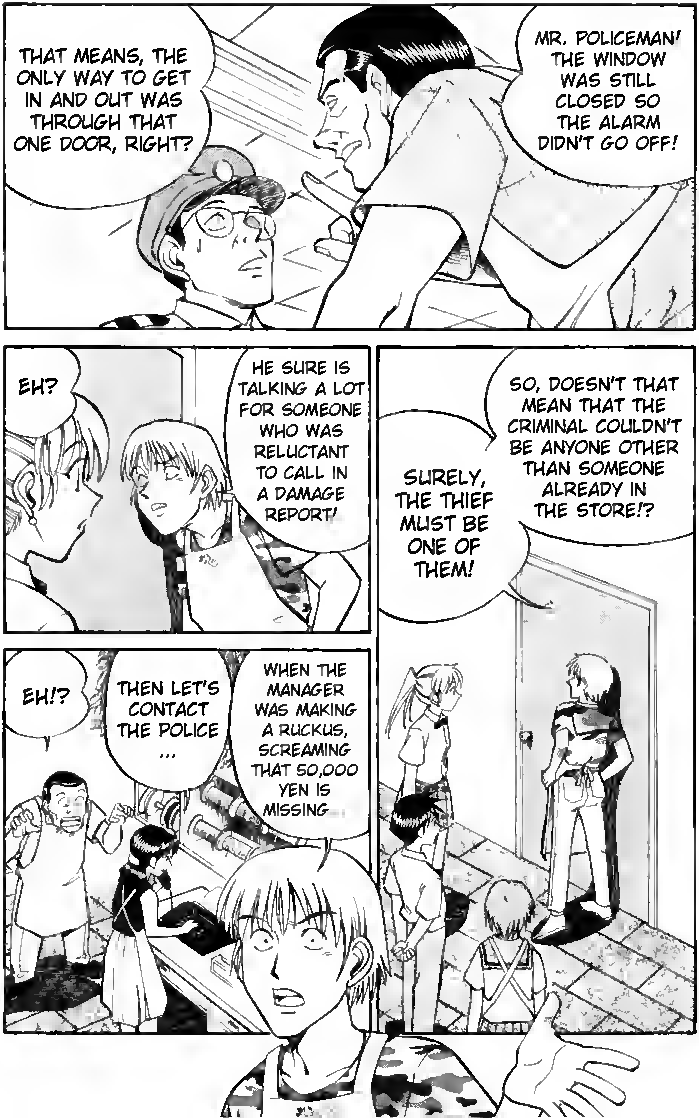
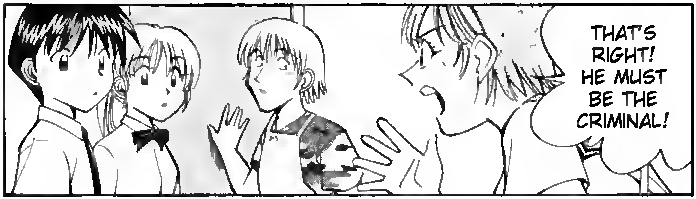
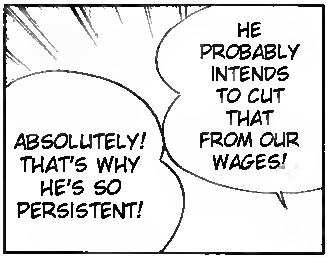
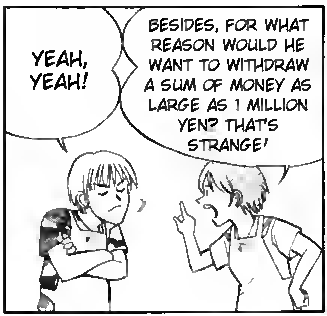

50,000 YEN!!
IT'S SHORT ...


MR. POLICEMAN! THE WINDOW WAS STILL CLOSED SO THE ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF!
THAT MEANS, THE ONLY WAY TO GET IN AND OUT WAS THROUGH THAT ONE DOOR, RIGHT?
SO, DOESN'T THAT MEAN THAT THE CRIMINAL COULDN'T BE ANYONE OTHER THAN SOMEONE ALREADY IN THE STORE!?
SURELY, THE THIEF MUST BE ONE OF THEM!
HE SURE IS TALKING A LOT FOR SOMEONE WHO WAS RELUCTANT TO CALL IN A DAMAGE REPORT!
EH?
WHEN THE MANAGER WAS MAKING A RUCKUS, SCREAMING THAT 50,000 YEN IS MISSING
THEN LET'S CONTACT THE POLICE ...
EH!?

THAT'S WHAT HE SAID! THAT'S VERY SUSPICIOUS!
THERE'S NO NEED...

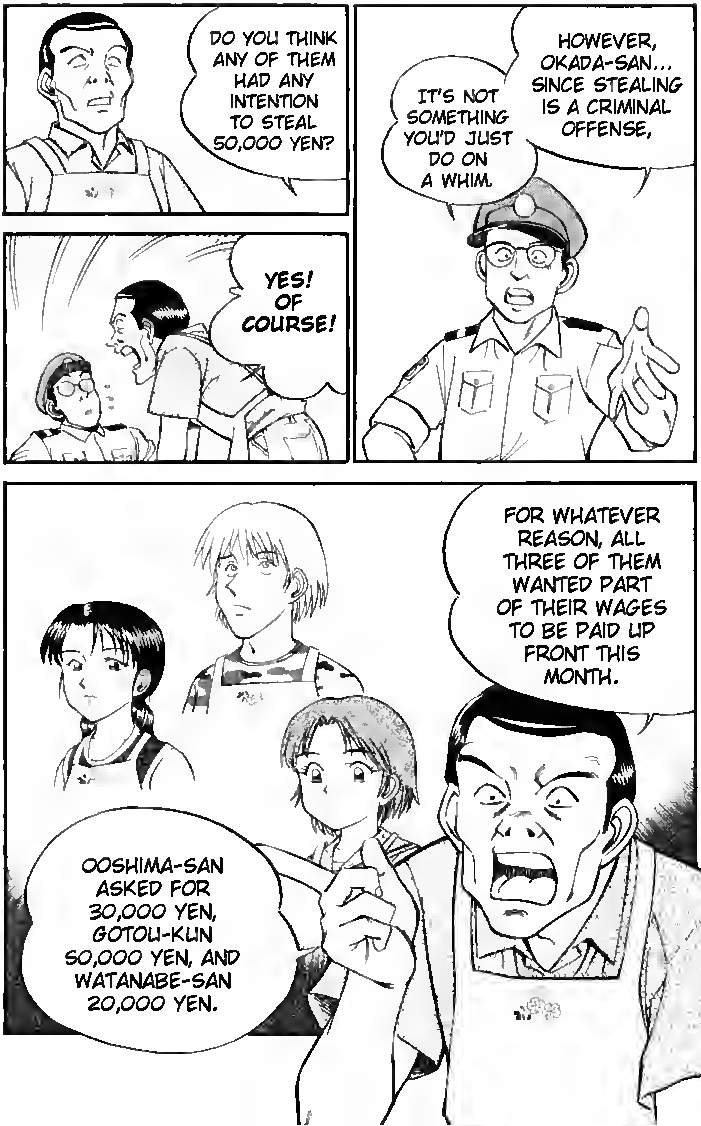

THAT'S RIGHT! HE MUST BE THE CRIMINAL!

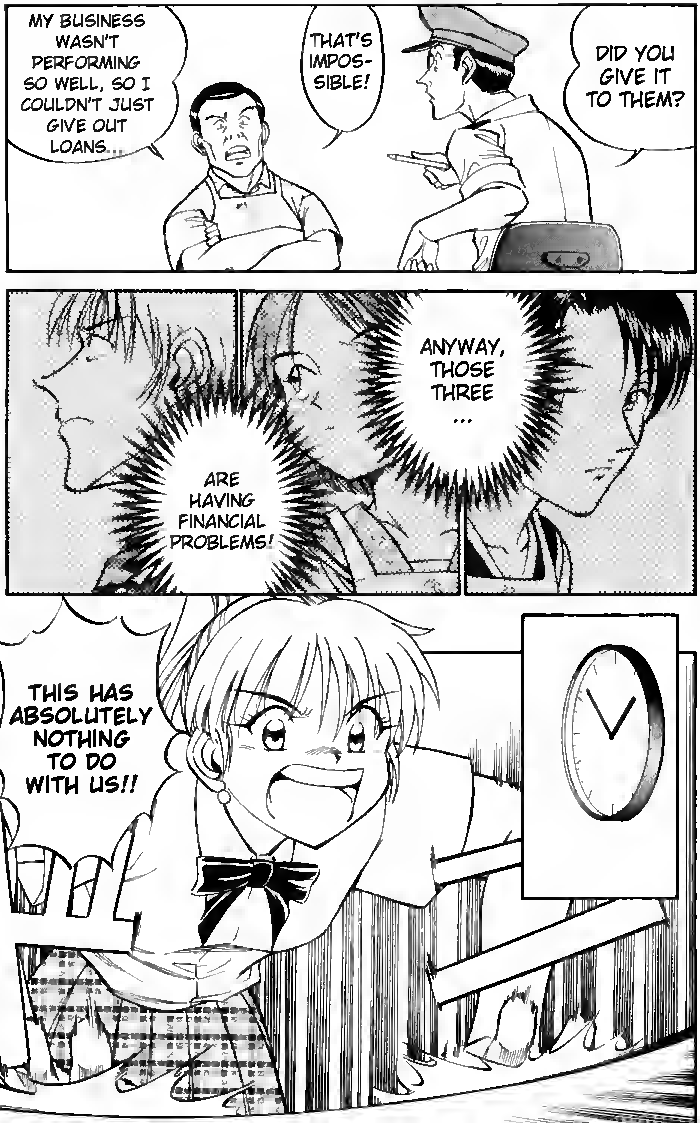

HE PROBABLY INTENDS TO CUT THAT FROM OUR WAGES!
ABSOLUTELY! THAT'S WHY HE'S SO PERSISTENT!

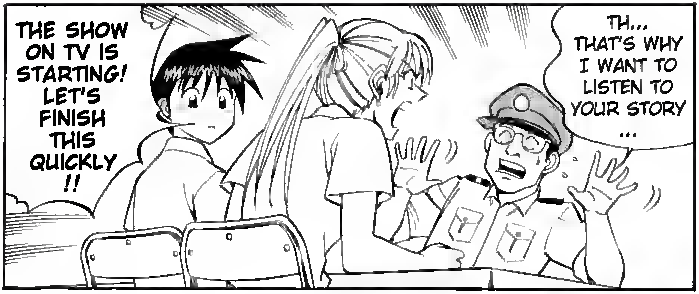

BESIDES, FOR WHAT REASON WOULD HE WANT TO WITHDRAW A SUM OF MONEY AS LARGE AS 1 MILLION YEN? THAT'S STRANGE!
YEAH, YEAH!

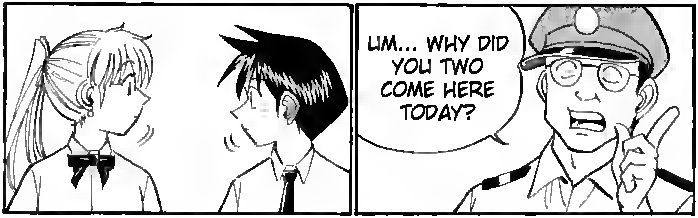
THE TRUTH IS THAT HE ONLY TOOK 950,000 FROM THE BANK, THEN MADE A FUSS ABOUT THE MISSING 50,000!

WHAT ABOUT YOU, OOSHI-MA-SAN...?
JUST LEAVE THAT GUY'S FLOWERS ALONE!
BUT THESE CHILDREN DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS...
PITIFUL, AREN'T THEY?


DO YOU THINK ANY OF THEM HAD ANY INTENTION TO STEAL 50,000 YEN?
YES! OF COURSE!
IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU'D JUST DO ON A WHIM.
HOWEVER, OKADA-SAN... SINCE STEALING IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE,
FOR WHATEVER REASON, ALL THREE OF THEM WANTED PART OF THEIR WAGES TO BE PAID UP FRONT THIS MONTH.
OOSHIMA-SAN ASKED FOR 30,000 YEN, GOTOU-KUN 50,000 YEN, AND WATANABE-SAN 20,000 YEN.

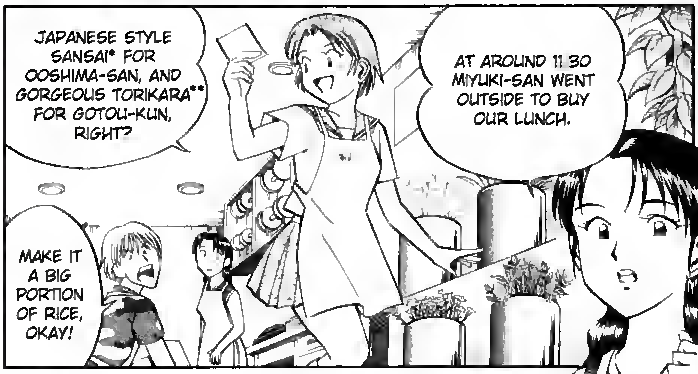

MY BUSINESS WASN'T PERFORMING SO WELL, SO I COULDN'T JUST GIVE OUT LOANS...
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
DID YOU GIVE IT TO THEM?
ANYWAY, THOSE THREE ...
ARE HAVING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS!
THIS HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH US!!


THE SHOW ON TV IS STARTING! LET'S FINISH THIS QUICKLY !!
TH... THAT'S WHY I WANT TO LISTEN TO YOUR STORY ...


UM... WHY DID YOU TWO COME HERE TODAY?

ON THE WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL, WE SAW A BLUE FLOWER BLOOMING IN A HOUSE'S BACKYARD,
LOOK, TOUMA-KUN!
AN AYAME FLOWER IS BLOOMING!
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_iris

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S AN AYAME!
THAT'S KAKITSU-BATA ...
NO IT ISN'T... IT'S KAKI-TSUBATA!
OH... IT TURNS OUT EVEN YOU CAN BE WRONG...
No way
IF YOU SINCERELY APOLOGIZE IT'LL BE FINE.
YOU HATE LOSING, DON'T YOU?
JUST LIKE A CHILD!
IN THAT CASE, LET'S GO TO A FLORIST AND MAKE SURE!
OKAY! IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT IF YOU GOT EMBARRASSED ...
THAT'S WHY ...
HOW RIDI-CULOUS ...


JAPANESE STYLE SANSAI* FOR OOSHIMA-SAN, AND GORGEOUS TORIKARA** FOR GOTOU-KUN, RIGHT?
AT AROUND 11.30 MIYUKI-SAN WENT OUTSIDE TO BUY OUR LUNCH.
MAKE IT A BIG PORTION OF RICE, OKAY!

*SANSAI: WILD VEGETABLES
HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/SANSAI
**TORIKARA: SHORT FOR TORI KARAAGE, (CHICKEN KARAAGE).
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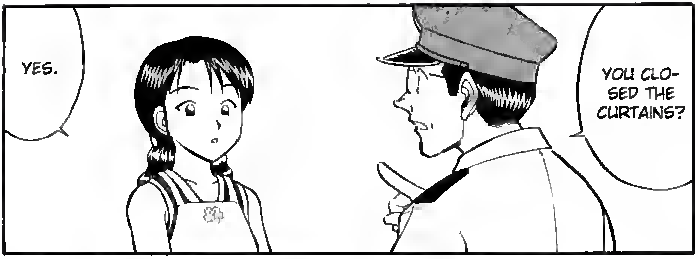
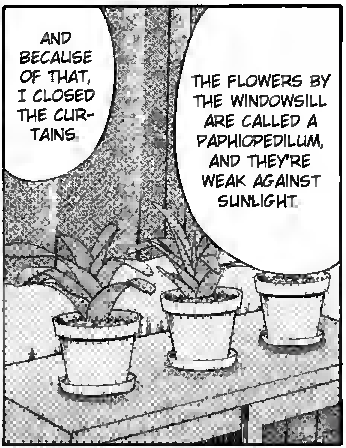
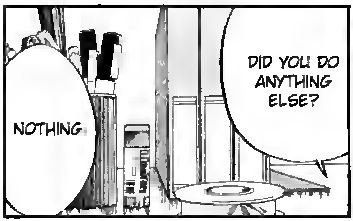
PAY ME BACK LATER!
MIYUKI-SAN, I HAVEN'T GIVE YOU ANY MONEY!
BUT BECAUSE I DIDN'T FEEL GOOD ABOUT IT, I WENT TO THE ROOM TO TAKE SOME MONEY, SO THAT I COULD PAY IT BACK RIGHT AWAY WHEN SHE RETURNED.
SPRRT...
AH, THIS IS BAD!


YES.
YOU CLOSED THE CURTAINS?

HMM... IS THAT SO?


AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I CLOSED THE CURTAINS.
THE FLOWERS BY THE WINDOWSILL ARE CALLED A PAPHIOPEDILUM, AND THEY'RE WEAK AGAINST SUNLIGHT.


NOTHING
DID YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE?

AAH...
IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, THE AMOUNT IS 30,000 YEN. WHY IS THAT?

THIS MONTH YOU ASKED TO GET SOME OF YOUR WAGE TO BE PAID UP FRONT...

TWO WEEKS AGO, MY HUSBAND, WHO IS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER, FELL DOWN FROM THE SITE.
HEY! IT'S DANGEROUS IF YOU DON'T FOCUS!
AH!
YOU IDIOT!
OWWW...
I NEED MONEY TO PAY FOR THE HOSPITAL FEES AS WELL AS FOR LIVING EXPENSES.
I'M SORRY.
THANK YOU.

PLEEEEASE FINISH THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
NO MORE PLAYING AROUND!
WHO'S PLAYING AROUND?
MY GIRLFRIEND HAS NO PROBLEMS WITH SLAPPING ME IN PUBLIC WHEN SHE GETS MAD. YOU BELIEVE ME, RIGHT?
I'LL BE SEVERELY MESSED UP. BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY.
JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE LATE FOR A DATE?
NO, AT THAT TIME IT WAS BECAUSE SHE FOUND OUT I WAS TWO-TIMING HER.
That's your own damn fault!

OH... IS THAT SO... SO THAT'S WHY YOU NEED MONEY.
AFTER THAT I BOUGHT HER AN EXPENSIVE PURSE. BECAUSE OF THAT I'M STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET. I CAN'T EVEN GET A DRINK!
THAT'S EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S MISSING.
AND ASKED FOR 50,000 YEN OF YOUR SALARY TO BE PAID UP FRONT?
WHEN THE STORE MANAGER WAS AWAY, YOU WENT INSIDE THE ROOM, RIGHT?
ONLY ONCE!
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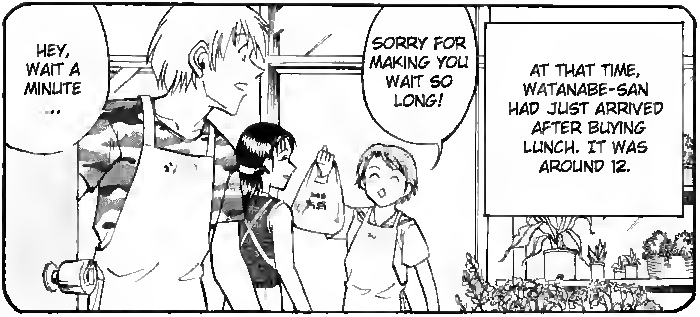
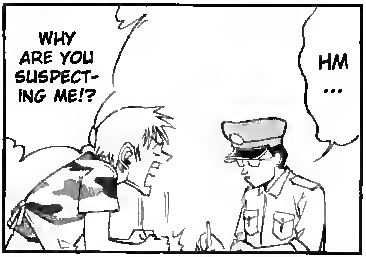
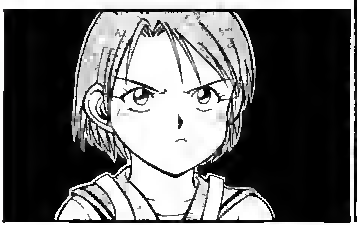
DON'T MESS AROUND!! I DIDN'T STEAL IT!!

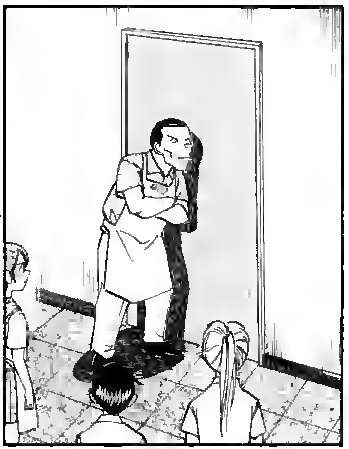

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE ...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT SO LONG!
AT THAT TIME, WATANABE-SAN HAD JUST ARRIVED AFTER BUYING LUNCH. IT WAS AROUND 12.


WHY ARE YOU SUSPECT-ING ME!?
HM ...

I WAS JUST GOING TO THE WASH-ROOM.

THAT WAS VERY SUSPICIOUS ..





IT WAS ON TOP OF THE DESK.
AND AT THAT TIME, THE MONEY ...?
A CRISP BUNDLE, INSIDE A MONEY BAG.
DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ELSE?
... NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT.
IT FELT SORT OF GLOOMY,
SINCE THE CURTAINS WERE CLOSED.
HUH?
THE CURTAINS ARE USUALLY OPENED. I WONDER WHO CLOSED IT...
AH, THAT...

OOSHI-MA-SAN REALLY KNOWS A LOT ABOUT FLOWERS.
OH... IS THAT SO?
SHE SAID THAT THE FLOWERS BY THE WINDOW SHOULDN'T GET TOO MUCH SUNLIGHT.
THAT WAS OOSHI-MA-SAN,
THAT'S NOT IT! PRESS THE RECORD BUTTON ON THE REMOTE CONTROL!
JUST DO WHAT I SAY! REMOTE CONTROL...!
BUT MOM IS BAD WITH ELEC-TRONICS...

LIKE MOTHER LIKE DAUGHTER...
WUAA!! QUICK TEMPERED PEOPLE ARE REALLY ANNOYING!!
WAI...
COME HOME AND DO IT YOUR-SELF.
THIS IS REALLY REALLY BAD! THE BASEBALL MATCH IS ABOUT TO START!
HMM... THERE'S A BIT MORE TIME UNTIL THEY BEGIN AT 6....
ISN'T THAT A GIVEN?!
I WANT TO TAKE A PICTURE OF MATSUZAKA WHILE HE'S PRACTICING!
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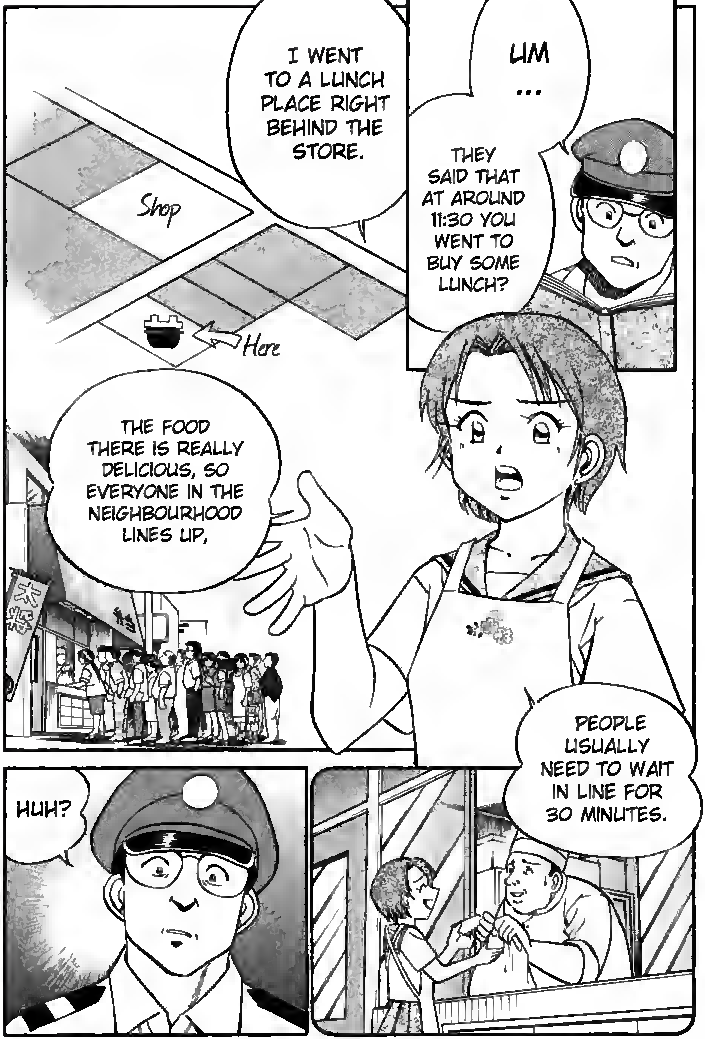
UM ...
THEY SAID THAT AT AROUND 11:30 YOU WENT TO BUY SOME LUNCH?
I WENT TO A LUNCH PLACE RIGHT BEHIND THE STORE.
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Here
THE FOOD THERE IS REALLY DELICIOUS, SO EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LINES UP,
PEOPLE USUALLY NEED TO WAIT IN LINE FOR 30 MINUTES.
HUH?

THAT MEANS YOU WERE STANDING AT A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SEE THE OFFICE WINDOW,
FOR AROUND 30 MINUTES RIGHT...?
EH?
ISN'T THERE SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS?
UM ...
NOTHING IN PARTICULAR
IS THAT SO...
MAYBE SHE ENTERED THE OFFICE FROM THE WINDOW ...
NO... THE WINDOW WAS LOCKED, AND ALSO THE ALARM DIDN'T GO OFF.

AND THEN THE THREE OF US ATE IN THE STORE.
AFTER THAT, I THREW THE GARBAGE INTO THE TRASH CAN THAT WAS INSIDE THE ROOM,
THAT WAS A LITTLE PAST 1.
AT THAT TIME, WAS THERE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT THE ROOM?
YES ...
THAT MEANS YOU WENT INSIDE THERE ALONE?
Huh...?
NO.

AH, BUT...
SHE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THE CURTAINS WERE CLOSED?
WHAT!?
BECAUSE I HAD NEVER SEEN AS MUCH MONEY AS ONE MILLION YEN BEFORE,
I PICKED UP THE MONEY THAT WAS ON TOP OF THE DESK.
AT THAT TIME WAS THERE EXACTLY ONE MILLION YEN THERE!?
A, AND THEN!?
WHAAT !?

YES ...
THERE WAS EXACTLY ONE MILLION.

I THINK... THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE ...
AND AFTER YOU, WHO ELSE WENT INSIDE THE OFFICE!?
50,000 YEN IS MISSING!!
AND THAT'S HOW THIS MESS GOT STARTED ...
THE AC WASN'T TURNED OFF!?
I SAW THE MANAGER ON THE WAY.
THAT MEANS ...
(Order of Entering Room)
11:00
12:00
13:00
Okada -san
Watanabe -san
Gotou -kun
Ooshima -san
WHEN THE STORE MANAGER CAME IN AFTER WATANABE-SAN, THERE WAS 50,000 YEN MISSING.
HM... WHEN THIS GIRL CAME IN LAST, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WAS STILL ONE MILLION YEN.

50,000 YEN WENT MISSING IN AN EMPTY ROOM!?
WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ...?
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
AAAH!
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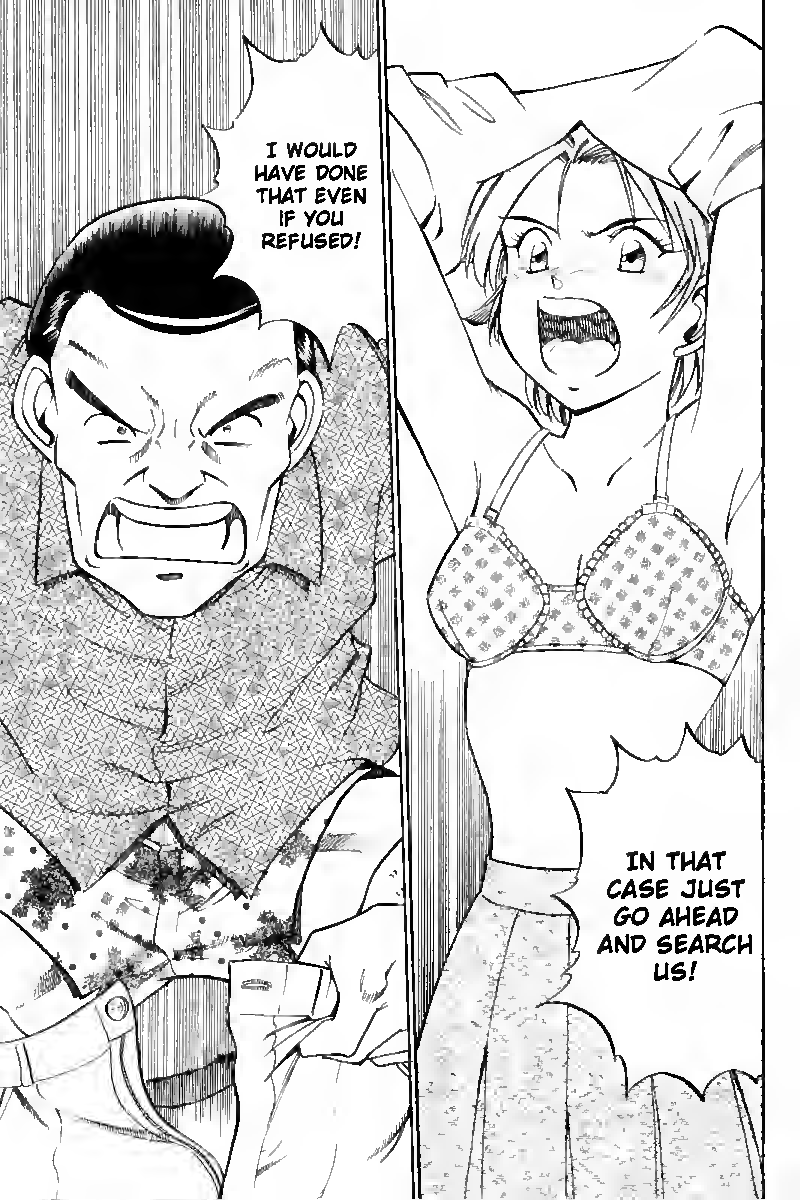
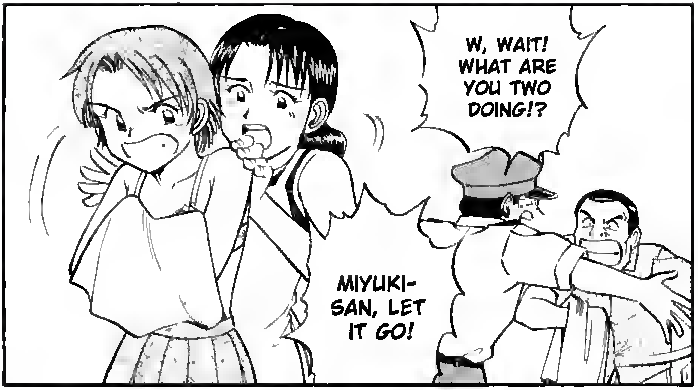
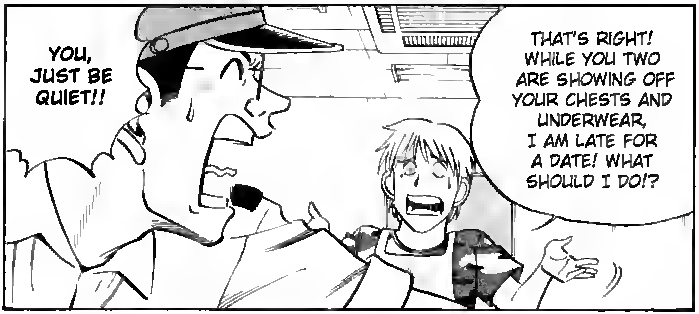
AH...! SO THAT'S IT!?
YOU'RE THE THIEF!!
MANA-GER!
YOU ENTERED LAST, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN 50,000 YEN WENT MISSING!
YOU JUST SAID IT YOURSELF, RIGHT!?
EH?

THEN WHO!?
IT WASN'T ME! DON'T ACCUSE PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY EVIDENCE!
YOU'RE THE SUSPICIOUS ONE!
IS IT REALLY TRUE THAT 50,000 YEN WENT MISSING!?
WHAT!?
THE TRUTH IS THAT YOU HID THE MONEY YOURSELF AND ACCUSED US OF STEALING IT, RIGHT?
WHY WOULD I DO THAT!?
IT'S BECAUSE YOUR WIFE DOESN'T HAS ENOUGH MONEY FOR SHOPPING, RIGHT!?
THAT WAS HALF A YEAR AGO!


I WOULD HAVE DONE THAT EVEN IF YOU REFUSED!
IN THAT CASE JUST GO AHEAD AND SEARCH US!


W, WAIT! WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING!?
MIYUKI-SAN, LET IT GO!


YOU, JUST BE QUIET!!
THAT'S RIGHT! WHILE YOU TWO ARE SHOWING OFF YOUR CHESTS AND UNDERWEAR, I AM LATE FOR A DATE! WHAT SHOULD I DO!?

LET'S TRY SEARCHING THE ROOM AGAIN...
UUH ...
IF WE LOSE OUR CALM, WE CAN'T HOPE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM...

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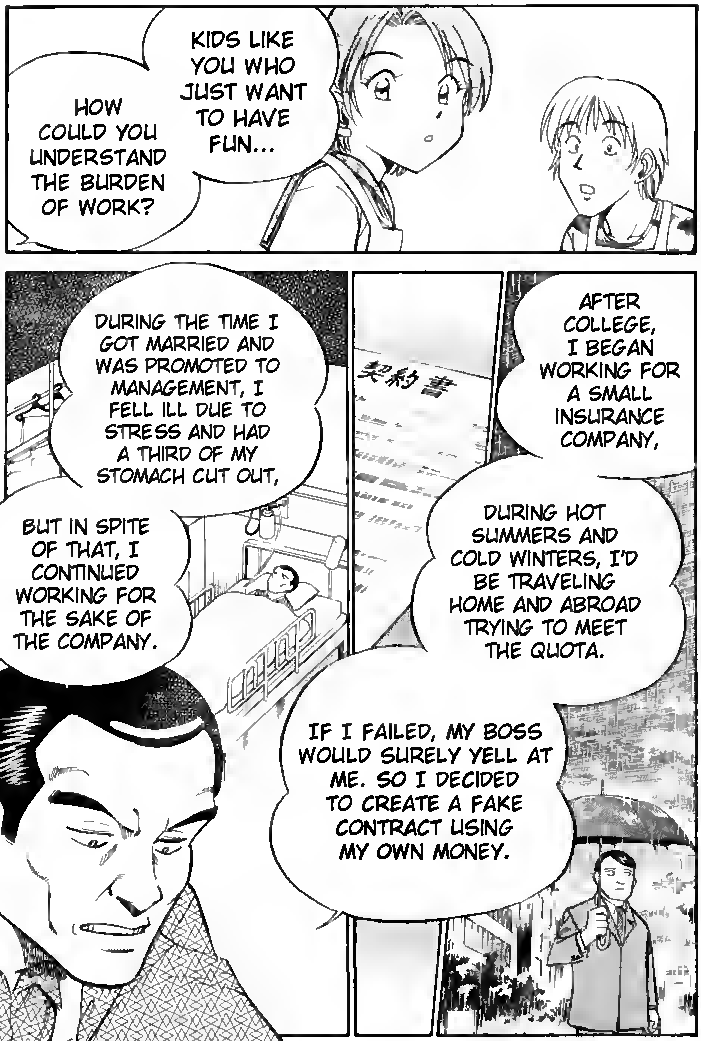
I COULDN'T EVEN FIND A SINGLE COIN.
HUH! WHAT A WASTE OF TIME!
WHY DO I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS!?
I'LL QUIT THIS JOB!
HMF.
GO AHEAD, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.


KIDS LIKE YOU WHO JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN...
HOW COULD YOU UNDERSTAND THE BURDEN OF WORK?
AFTER COLLEGE, I BEGAN WORKING FOR A SMALL INSURANCE COMPANY,
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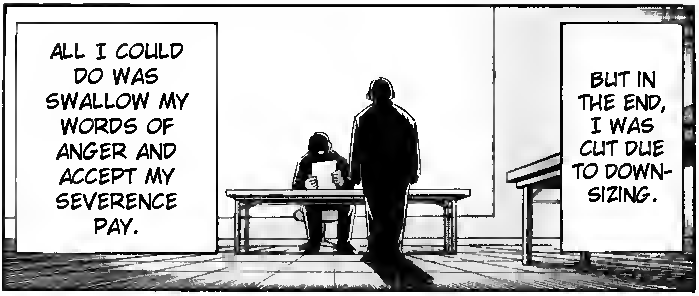
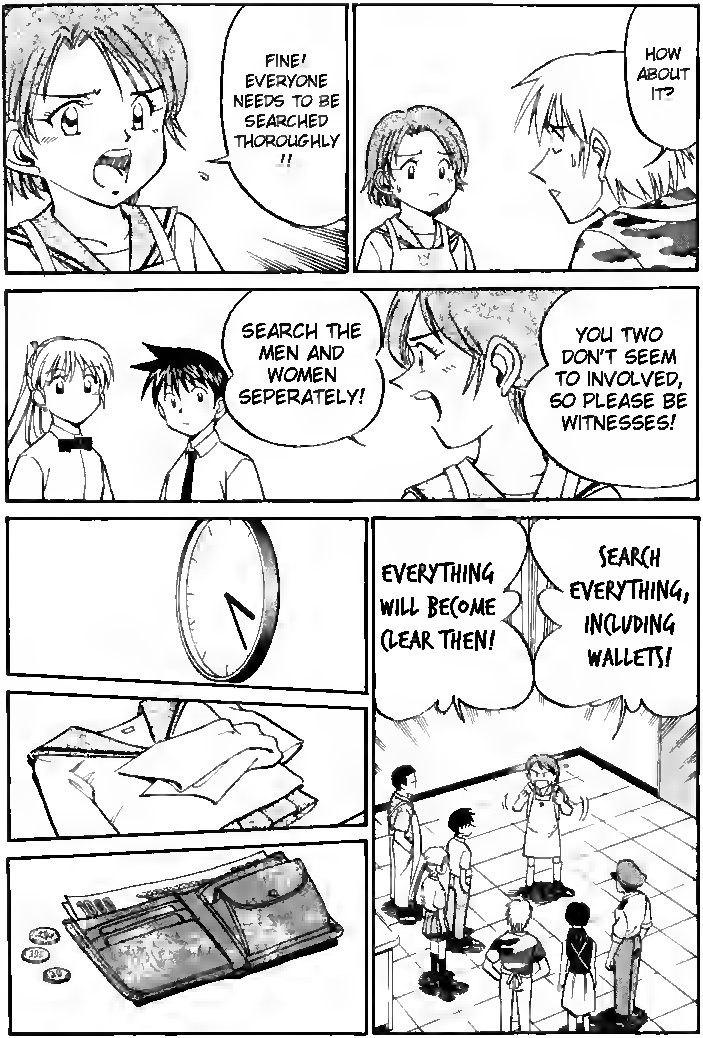
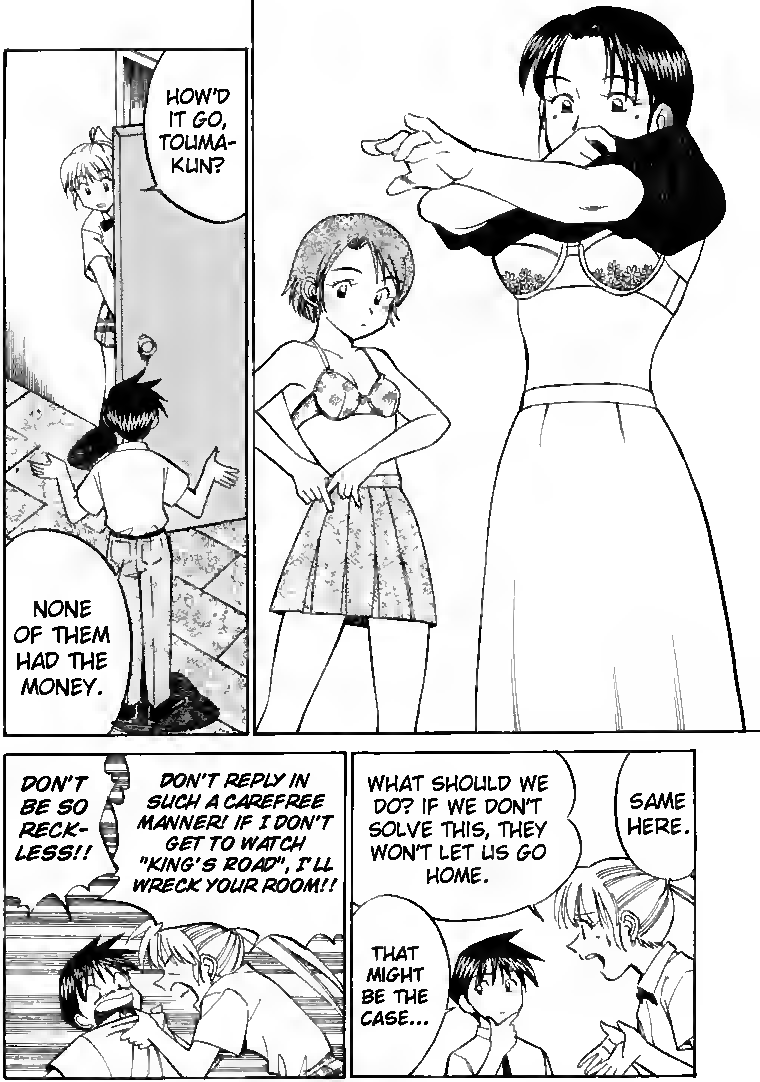
DURING HOT SUMMERS AND COLD WINTERS, I'D BE TRAVELING HOME AND ABROAD TRYING TO MEET THE QUOTA.
IF I FAILED, MY BOSS WOULD SURELY YELL AT ME. SO I DECIDED TO CREATE A FAKE CONTRACT USING MY OWN MONEY.
DURING THE TIME I GOT MARRIED AND WAS PROMOTED TO MANAGEMENT, I FELL ILL DUE TO STRESS AND HAD A THIRD OF MY STOMACH CUT OUT,
BUT IN SPITE OF THAT, I CONTINUED WORKING FOR THE SAKE OF THE COMPANY.


ALL I COULD DO WAS SWALLOW MY WORDS OF ANGER AND ACCEPT MY SEVERENCE PAY.
BUT IN THE END, I WAS CUT DUE TO DOWN-SIZING.

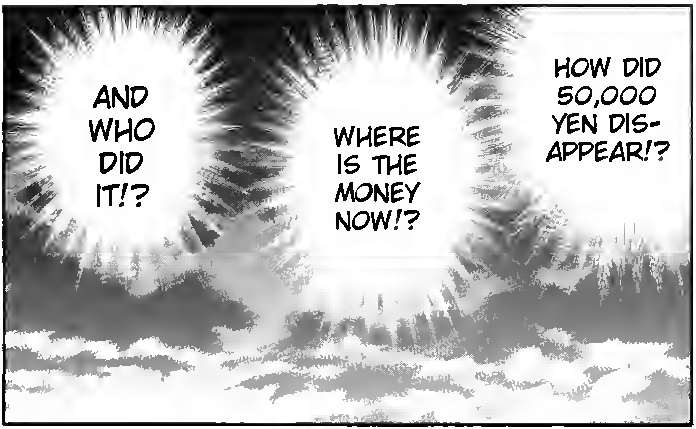
GREEN
WITH THAT MONEY, I STARTED THIS FLOWER SHOP.

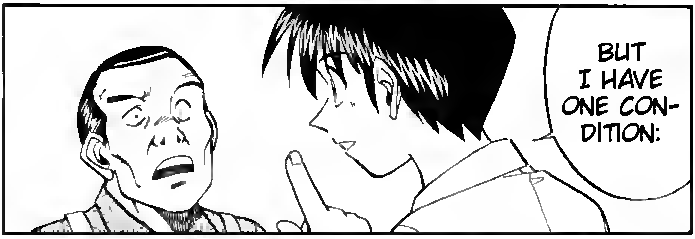
THIS SHOP IS THE "PALACE" I TRADED ONE-THIRD OF MY STOMACH FOR.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THIS PLACE, GET THE HELL OUT.

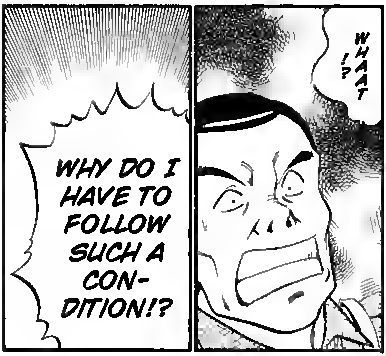

FINE! EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE SEARCHED THOROUGHLY !!
HOW ABOUT IT?
SEARCH THE MEN AND WOMEN SEPERATELY!
YOU TWO DON'T SEEM TO INVOLVED, SO PLEASE BE WITNESSES!
EVERYTHING WILL BECOME CLEAR THEN!
SEARCH EVERYTHING, INCLUDING WALLETS!


HOW'D IT GO, TOUMA-KUN?
NONE OF THEM HAD THE MONEY.
SAME HERE.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? IF WE DON'T SOLVE THIS, THEY WON'T LET US GO HOME.
THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE...
DON'T BE SO RECK-LESS!!
DON'T REPLY IN SUCH A CAREFREE MANNER! IF I DON'T GET TO WATCH "KING'S ROAD", I'LL WRECK YOUR ROOM!!

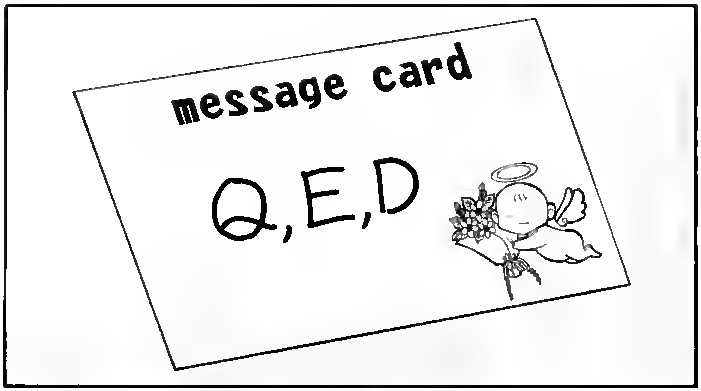
HAH
WHAT NEXT?
FUUH
GUESS THERE'S NO ALTERNATIVE... I DIDN'T WANT TO GET TOO INVOLVED IN THIS, BUT...
SIR.
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MISSING 50,000 YEN.


HOW DID 50,000 YEN DISAPPEAR!?
WHERE IS THE MONEY NOW!?
AND WHO DID IT!?


BUT I HAVE ONE CONDITION:


WHAAT!?
WHY DO I HAVE TO FOLLOW SUCH A CONDITION!?

YOU DO IT THE WAY I TELL YOU TO. DEAL?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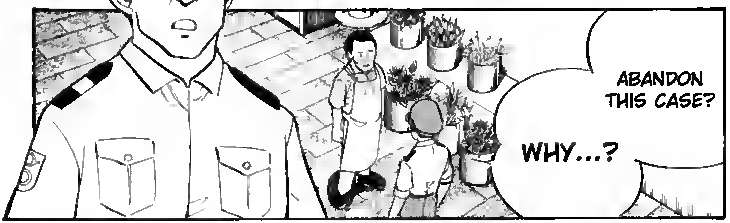
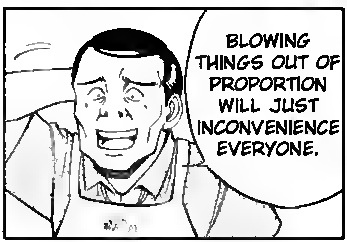
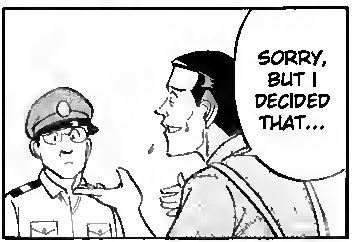
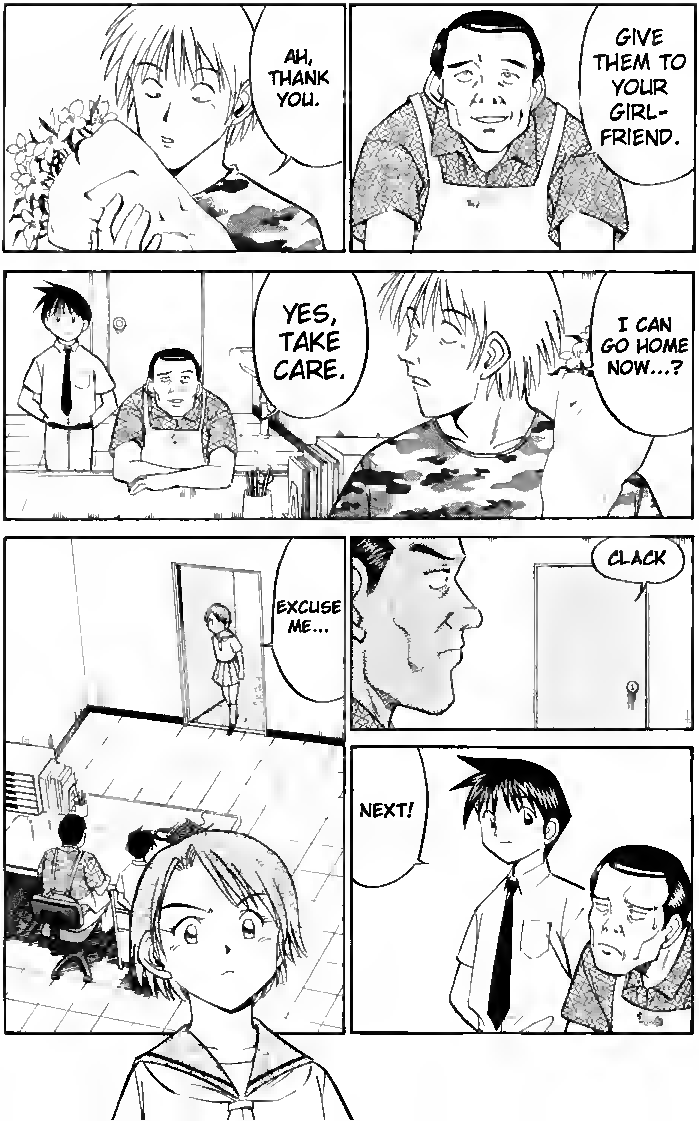

ABANDON THIS CASE?
WHY...?


BLOWING THINGS OUT OF PROPORTION WILL JUST INCONVENIENCE EVERYONE.

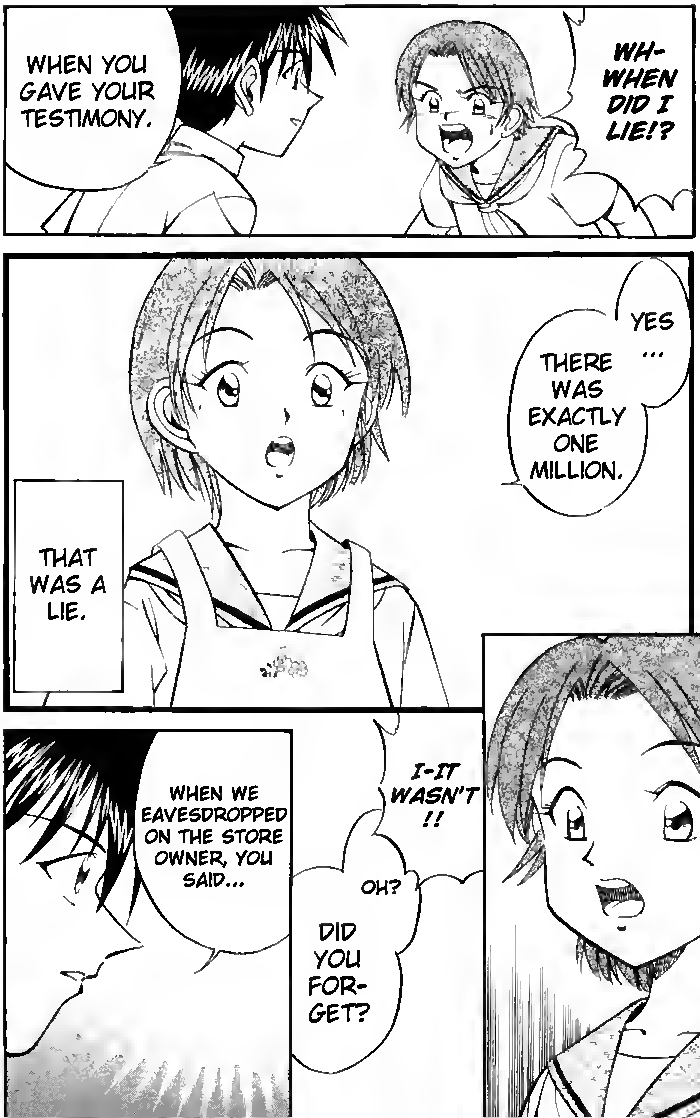

SORRY, BUT I DECIDED THAT...

IF THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY ANY-THING.
AH, IT'S FINE ...
I'M VERY SORRY FOR TROUBLING YOU...
LET'S BEGIN.
.....
CREAK
FIRST PERSON, PLEASE ENTER.

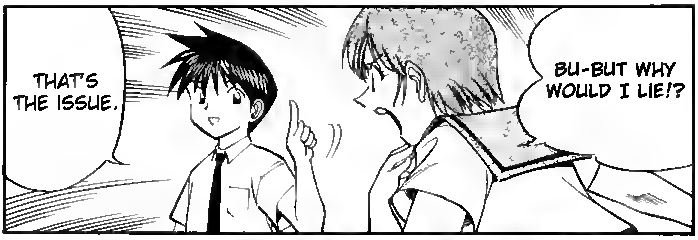
CLACK
DON'T WORRY, JUST CLOSE THE DOOR
WHAT'S GOING ON? CALLING US INTO THE OFFICE ONE BY ONE...
THESE CAN'T MAKE UP FOR IT, BUT PLEASE ACCEPT THEM AS A SIGN OF MY APOLOGY
I'M SORRY, GOTOU-KUN.


AH, THANK YOU.
GIVE THEM TO YOUR GIRL-FRIEND.
YES, TAKE CARE.
I CAN GO HOME NOW...?
EXCUSE ME...
CLACK
NEXT!

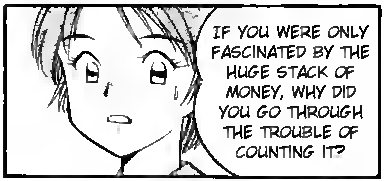
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT; PLEASE ACCEPT THESE.
WHAT'S GOING ON, BOSS?
SORRY FOR HAVING DELAYED YOU
HOLD ON, MIYUKI-SAN.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!? YOU ACCUSED ME OF THEFT!!
DO YOU THINK ONE MEASLY BOUQUET MAKES EVERYTHING OKAY!?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?
YOU ALSO LIED,
SO IT'S EVEN.

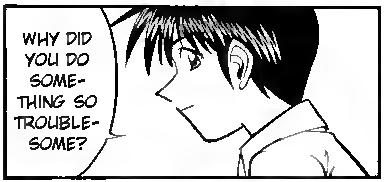

WHEN YOU GAVE YOUR TESTIMONY.
WH-WHEN DID I LIE!?
YES ... THERE WAS EXACTLY ONE MILLION.
THAT WAS A LIE.
WHEN WE EAVESDROPPED ON THE STORE OWNER, YOU SAID...
OH? DID YOU FOR-GET?
I-IT WASN'T !!

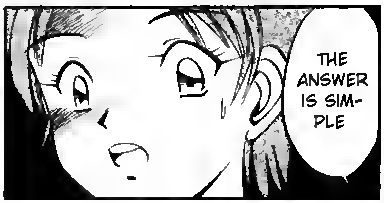
THE TRUTH IS THAT HE ONLY TOOK 950,000 FROM THE BANK,
THEN MADE A FUSS ABOUT THE MISSING 50,000.
YOU REMEMBER, RIGHT?
YOU SAID IT SPON-TANEOUSLY.
THOSE AREN'T THE WORDS OF SOMEONE WHO COUNTED EXACTLY ONE MILLION.
IF YOU HAD COUNTED THE MONEY, YOU WOULD'VE SAID THE OPPOSITE.
IN OTHER WORDS, WHEN YOU COUNTED THE MONEY IN THE OFFICE...
THERE WAS ONLY 950,000 YEN...


THAT'S THE ISSUE.
BU-BUT WHY WOULD I LIE!?

HENCE, THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A REASON FOR IT.
YOU CLEARLY LIED...


IF YOU WERE ONLY FASCINATED BY THE HUGE STACK OF MONEY, WHY DID YOU GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF COUNTING IT?


WHY DID YOU DO SOME-THING SO TROUBLE-SOME?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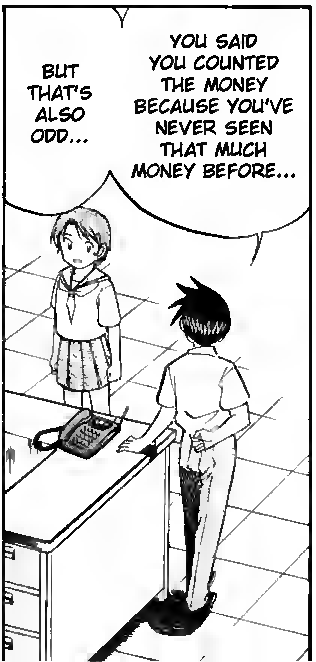
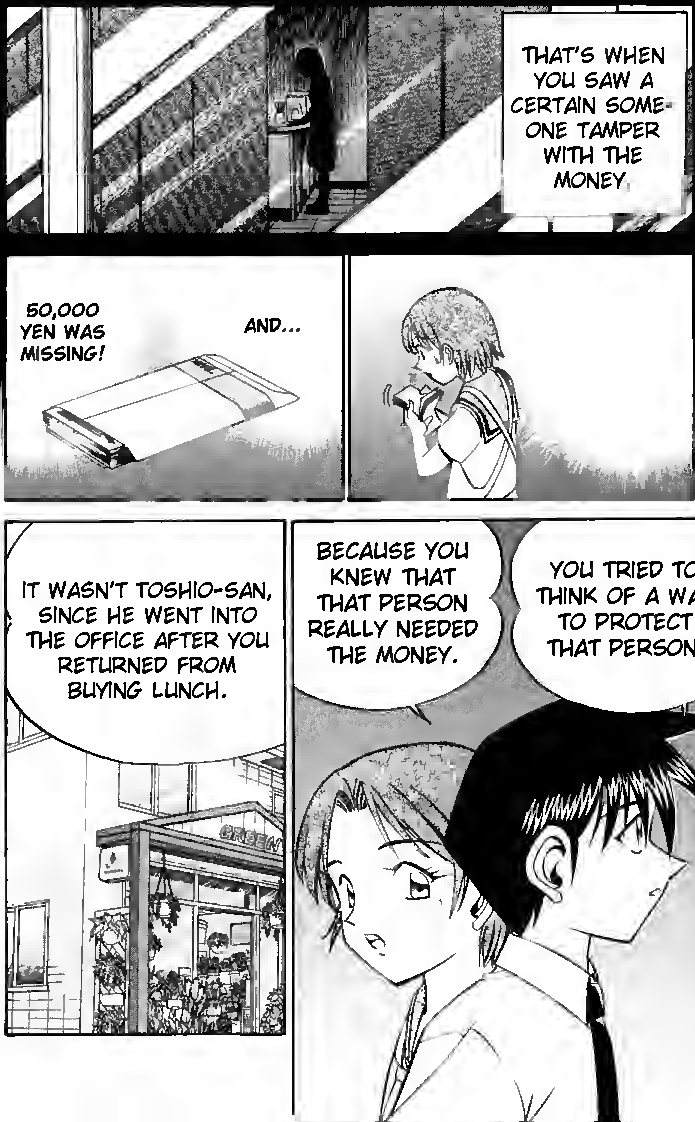
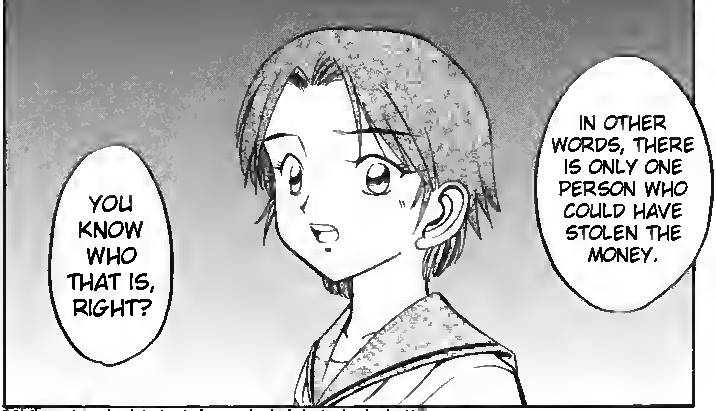
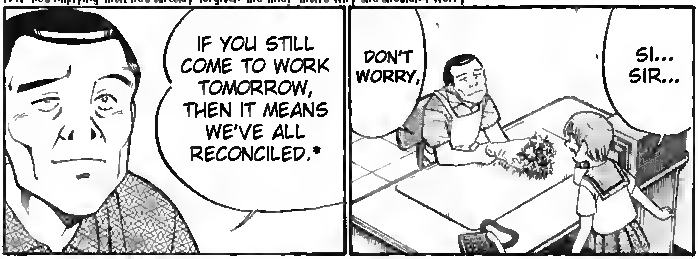

BUT THAT'S ALSO ODD...
YOU SAID YOU COUNTED THE MONEY BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THAT MUCH MONEY BEFORE...

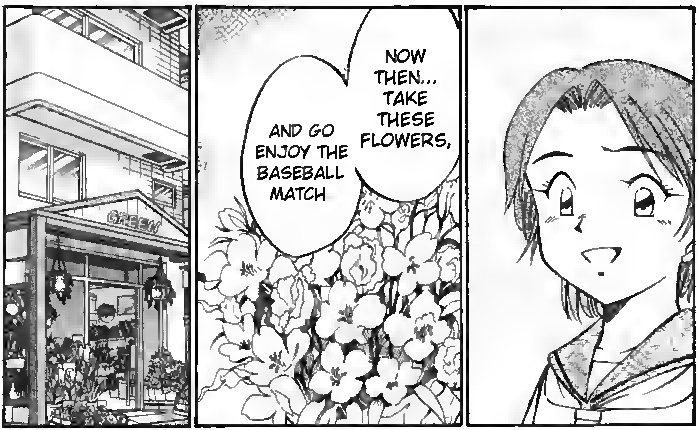
YOU SAW SOMONE TAMPERING WITH THE MONEY.
SO YOU WANTED TO MAKE SURE WHETHER THE MONEY WAS STILL INTACT OR NOT.
SO, WHEN DID YOU SEE IT?
THERE WAS ONLY ONE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO HAVE PEEKED INSIDE THE OFFICE BEFORE HAVING ENTERED IT.
THAT WAS WHEN YOU BOUGHT LUNCH.
WHEN EVERYONE GAVE THEIR TESTIMONY, ONLY YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE CURTAINS.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU SAW SOMEONE CLOSE THE CURTAINS
YOU BEING CURIOUS PEEKED INSIDE

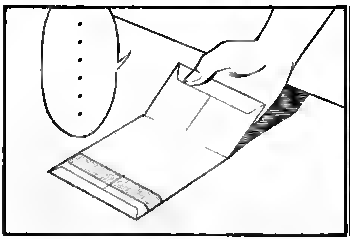

THAT'S WHEN YOU SAW A CERTAIN SOMEONE TAMPER WITH THE MONEY.
50,000 YEN WAS MISSING!
AND...
IT WASN'T TOSHIO-SAN, SINCE HE WENT INTO THE OFFICE AFTER YOU RETURNED FROM BUYING LUNCH.
BECAUSE YOU KNEW THAT THAT PERSON REALLY NEEDED THE MONEY.
YOU TRIED TO THINK OF A WAY TO PROTECT THAT PERSON,



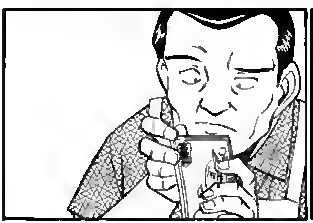

T/N: He's implying that he's already forgiven the thief, that's why she shouldn't worry.

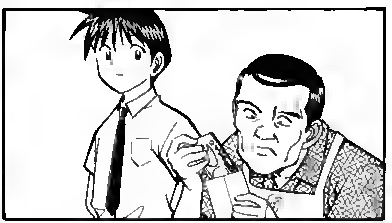




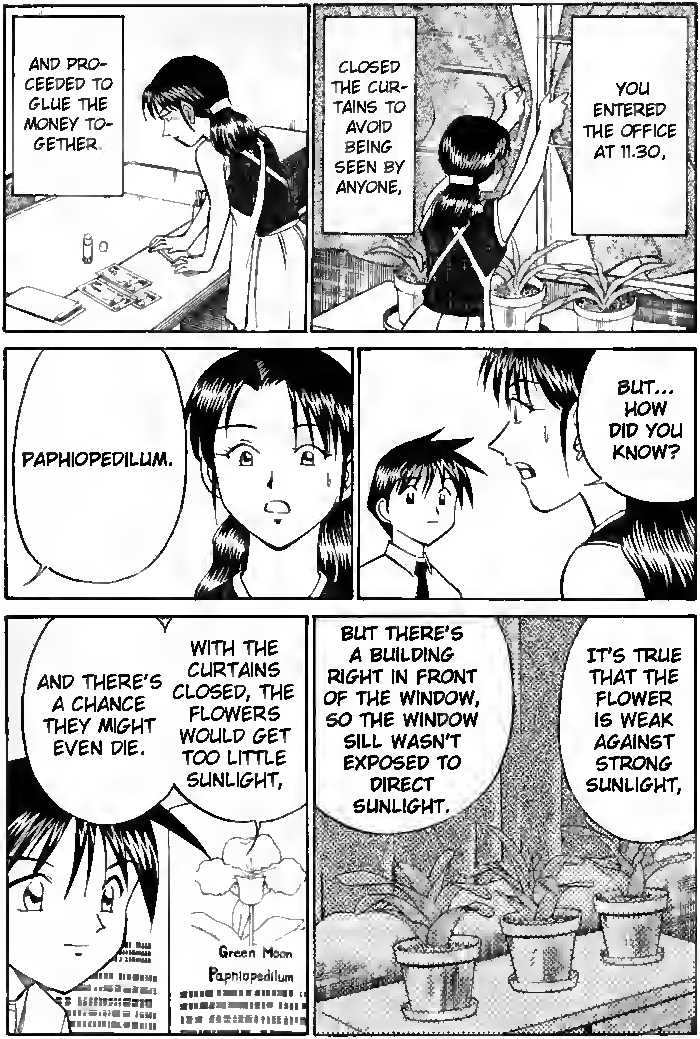
OOSHIMA-SAN... PLEASE SHOW ME YOUR WAGE ENVELOPE

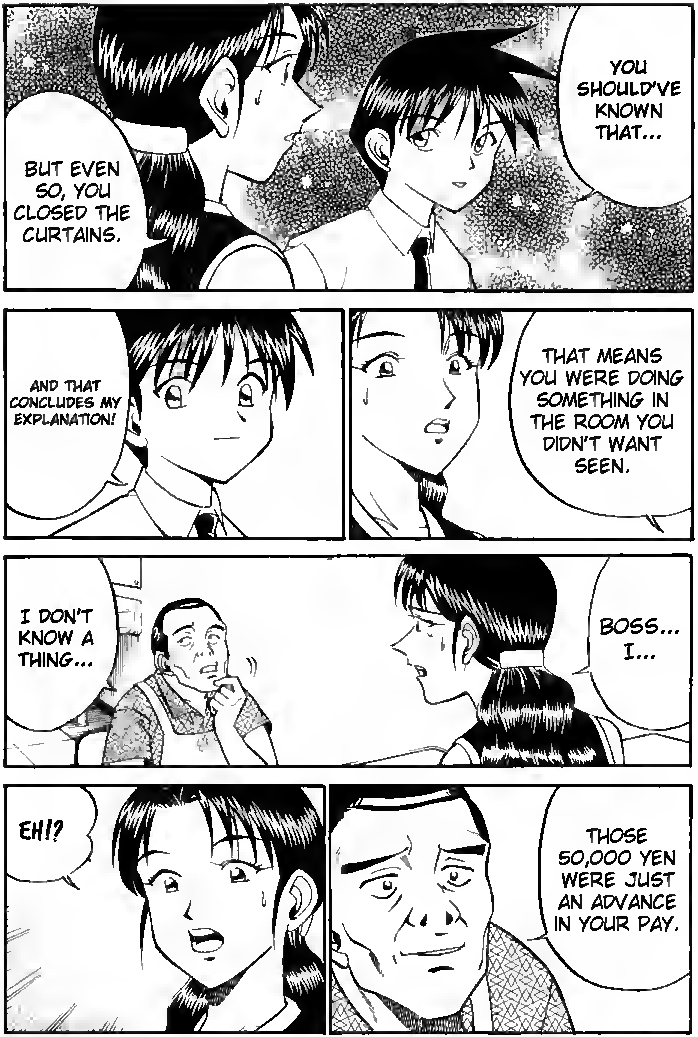




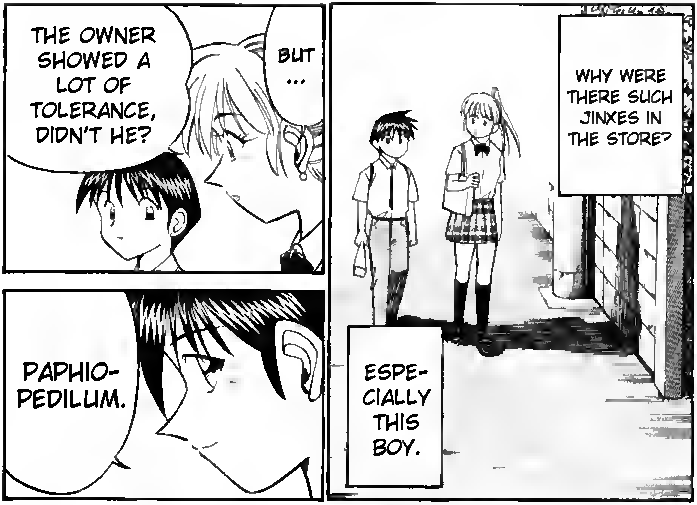
RIP
RIP
SOME OF THE BILLS IN THE ONE-MILLION YEN STACK WERE GLUED TOGETHER.
CORRECT.
I SEE... YOU USED THIS STRIPPABLE GLUE TO GLUE THEM TOGETHER, HUH...?

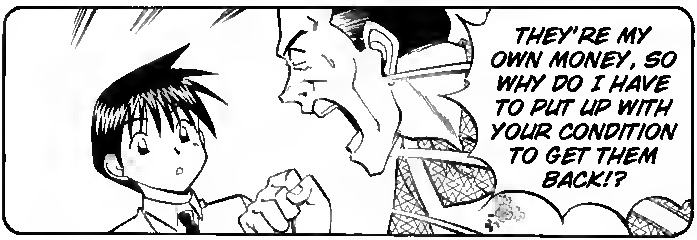
SUCH AS JOURNALISING EVERYONE'S SALARIES
THE STORE OWNER IS THE TYPE WHO DOES THE BOTHERSOME TASKS FIRST.
THAT WAY, THE 10,000 YEN BILLS THAT WERE GLUED TOGETHER WOULD FIND THEIR WAY INTO OOSHIMA-SAN'S ENVELOPE.
THUS, HE WOULD START WITH OOSHIMA-SAN'S LARGE WAGE.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, OOSHIMA-SAN?

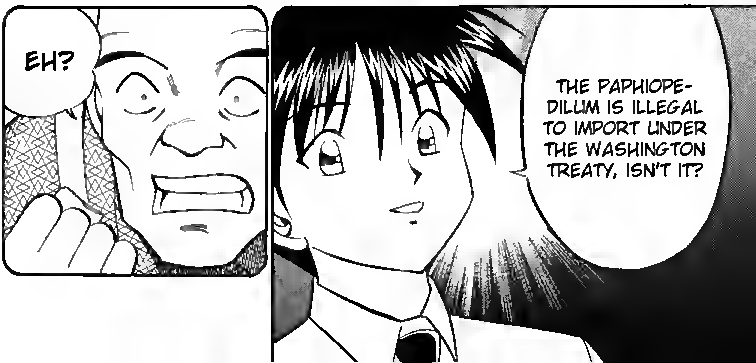

AND PROCEEDED TO GLUE THE MONEY TOGETHER.
CLOSED THE CURTAINS TO AVOID BEING SEEN BY ANYONE,
YOU ENTERED THE OFFICE AT 11.30,
PAPHIOPEDILUM.
BUT... HOW DID YOU KNOW?
AND THERE'S A CHANCE THEY MIGHT EVEN DIE.
WITH THE CURTAINS CLOSED, THE FLOWERS WOULD GET TOO LITTLE SUNLIGHT,
Green Moon
Paphiopedilum
BUT THERE'S A BUILDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW, SO THE WINDOW SILL WASN'T EXPOSED TO DIRECT SUNLIGHT.
IT'S TRUE THAT THE FLOWER IS WEAK AGAINST STRONG SUNLIGHT,


YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT...
BUT EVEN SO, YOU CLOSED THE CURTAINS.
THAT MEANS YOU WERE DOING SOMETHING IN THE ROOM YOU DIDN'T WANT SEEN.
AND THAT CONCLUDES MY EXPLANATION!
BOSS... I...
I DON'T KNOW A THING...
THOSE 50,000 YEN WERE JUST AN ADVANCE IN YOUR PAY.
EH!?

GO VISIT YOUR HUSBAND IN THE HOSPITAL.
IT'S FINE, SO HERE, TAKE THESE FLOWERS...
B-BUT .....
THANK YOU.
.....
DARN IT...
HOW UN-LUCKY.


THE OWNER SHOWED A LOT OF TOLERANCE, DIDN'T HE?
BUT ...
WHY WERE THERE SUCH JINXES IN THE STORE?
ESPE-CIALLY THIS BOY.
PAPHIO-PEDILUM.


THEY'RE MY OWN MONEY, SO WHY DO I HAVE TO PUT UP WITH YOUR CONDITION TO GET THEM BACK!?


EH?
THE PAPHIOPE-DILUM IS ILLEGAL TO IMPORT UNDER THE WASHINGTON TREATY, ISN'T IT?

IF THEY ALL BECAME REGULAR CLIENTS OF YOURS, THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU...
MANY PEOPLE WANT THIS EUROPEAN ORCHID.
THOSE FLOWERS WEREN'T SMUGGLED IN, WERE THEY..?
BY THE WAY, FROM THE BEGINNING, YOU DIDN'T WANT THE POLICE TO GET INVOLVED, RIGHT?
IF ONLY HE WASN'T HERE...!!

FUUUHH
RATTLE
AH, BUT ...
I GUESS MY FLOWERS CAN BE USEFUL.
DON'T TALK TO ME RIGHT NOW!
HERE, SEE? IT REALLY IS A KAKITSUBATA!

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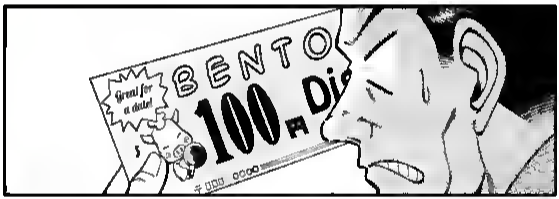
MAYBE HE SHOULD PASS IT ON TO GOUTO-KUN...
SO HE WON'T GET MAULED BY HIS GIRLFRIEND?

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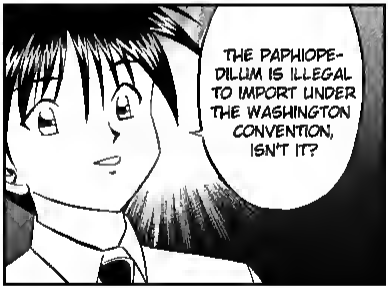


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